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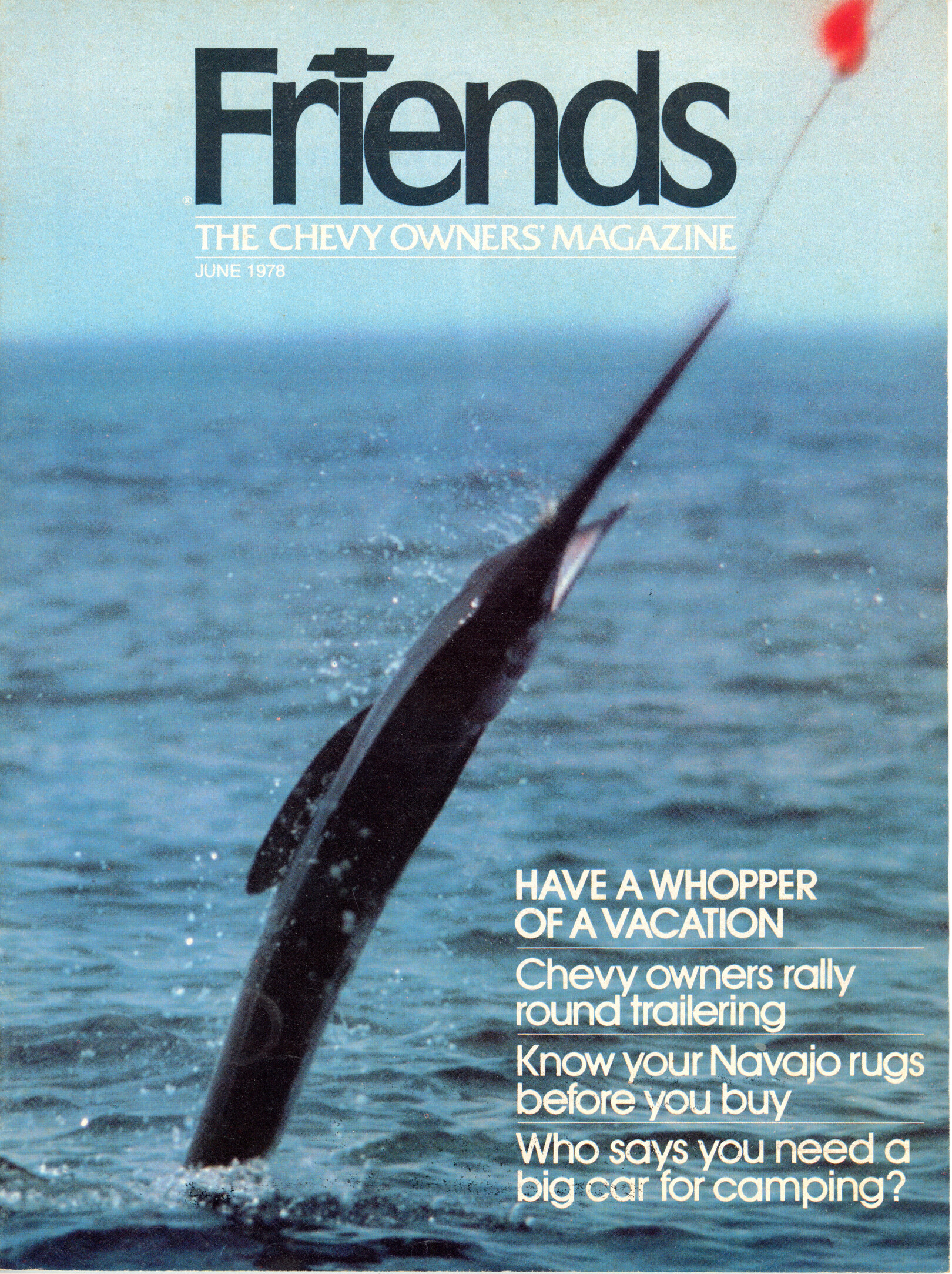

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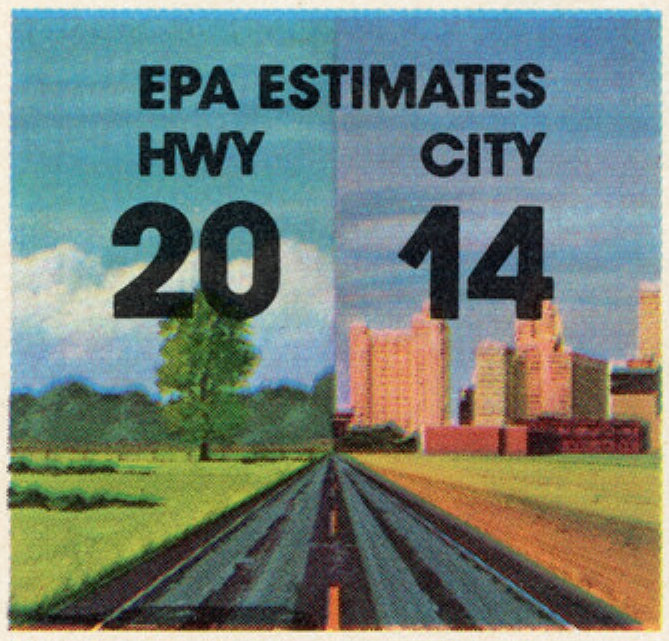

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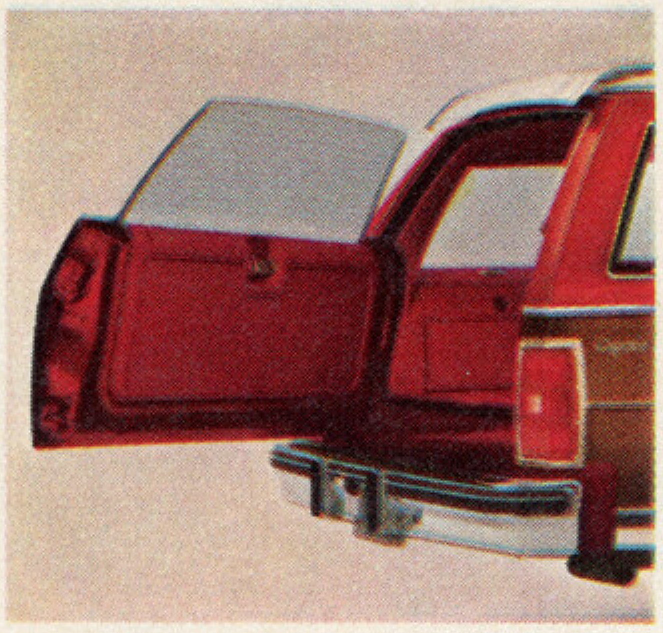

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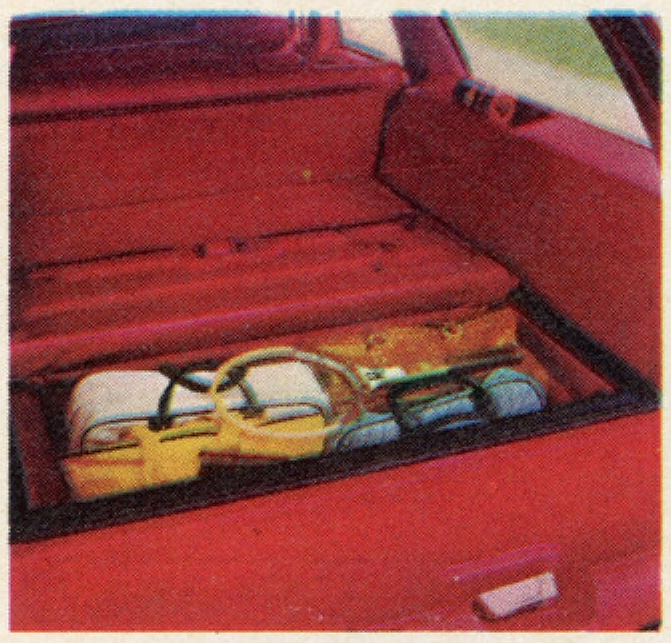

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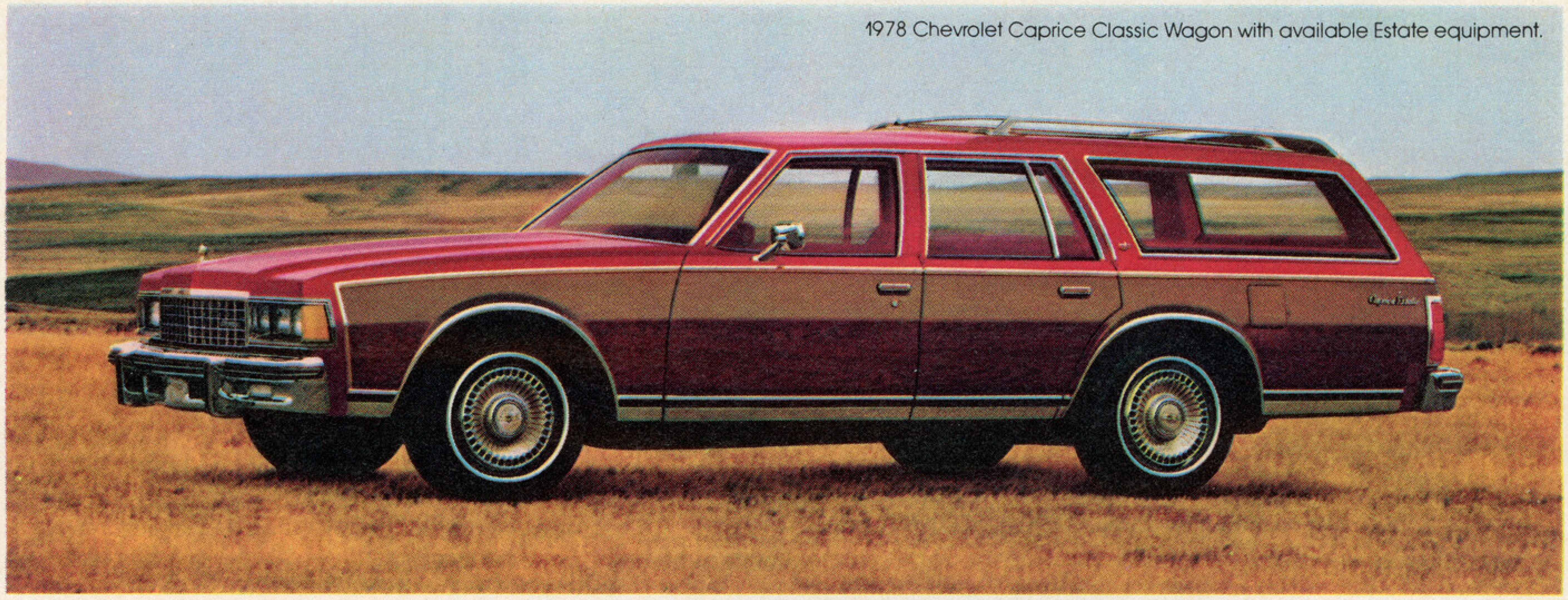

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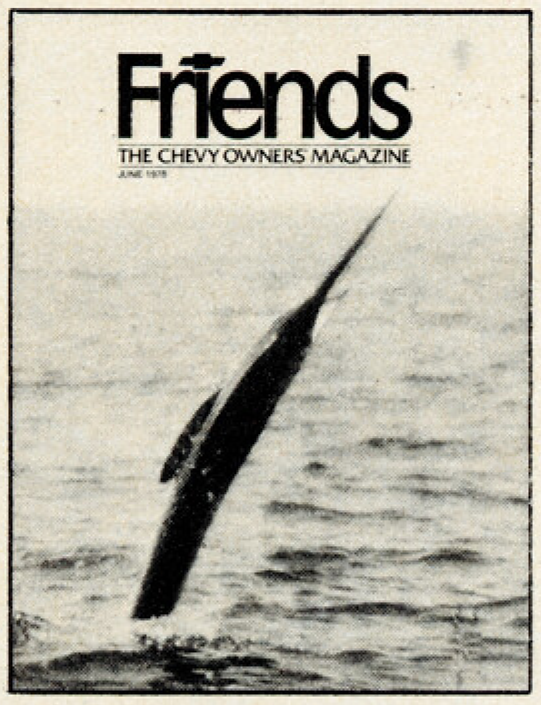

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WHO SAYS YOU NEED A BIG CAR FOR CAMPING?

A young family of four found Chevette a practical way to enjoy a California camping trip

BY ROBERT J. SMITH

Small is big for camping when the small is the popular Chevette. A case in point was a family of four—the William Smiths—going to outdoor adventures on a California camping trip.

Of course, using the subcompact Chevette for a camping trip requires some proper planning. There is more than enough room for the necessities of camp life but little spare space for some of the bulkier luxuries that some campers have gotten used to.

In some cases, the car's size dictates that certain equipment like air mattresses are used instead of cots. Also double- or triple-duty items should be selected. A good example is a galvanized water pail.

The pail serves to tote water to camp which can be heated in the same pail for cooking or other uses. Then the same pail will serve to wash or rinse the camp dishes.

Another useful trick for Chevette camping (or with any other small car for that matter) is to utilize carefully all the space at your disposal. This includes packing one item inside another, wherever practical, i.e. stowing the lantern inside the water pail, then packing washcloths and towels around it for protection and space utilization.

Planning is essential for the foodstuffs to be carried, too. The popular freeze-dried foods are lightweight and require little space. Buying the brands carried in your local supermarket will provide a big savings over those more exotically packaged for backpacking.

Foodstuffs are probably the most overly provided-for item with most campers; many pack enough provisions for a party twice as large and a stay twice as long. The fact is that most campgrounds and camping areas are not that far from civilization and a grocery store. So, if you know the area, pack foodstuffs accordingly. It saves a lot of space.

Another trick used by many campers who tote an ice chest is to freeze some meals ahead of time and stow them in the ice chest. They not only

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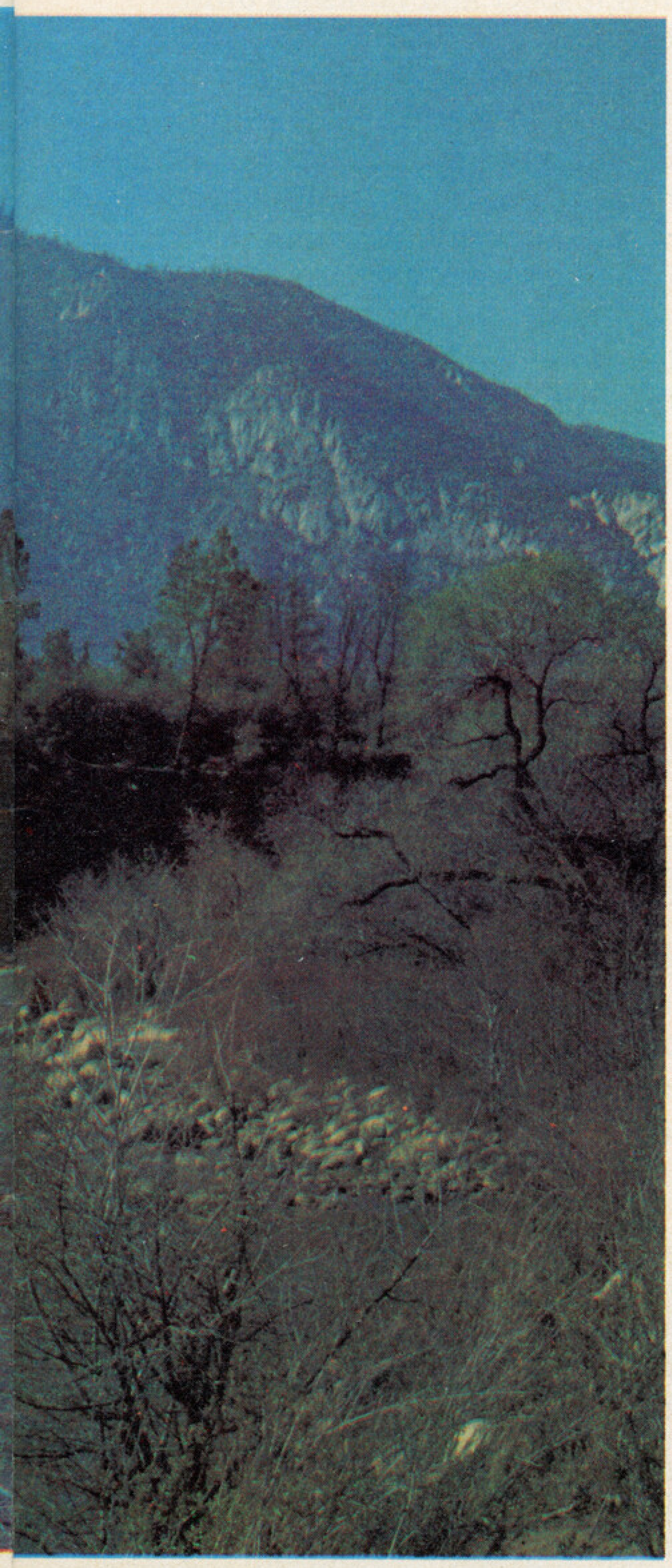
Don't let Chevette's size fool you. Including available rooftop carrier (left), it can carry plenty of equipment for camping, like a tent, stove, and four people (above).

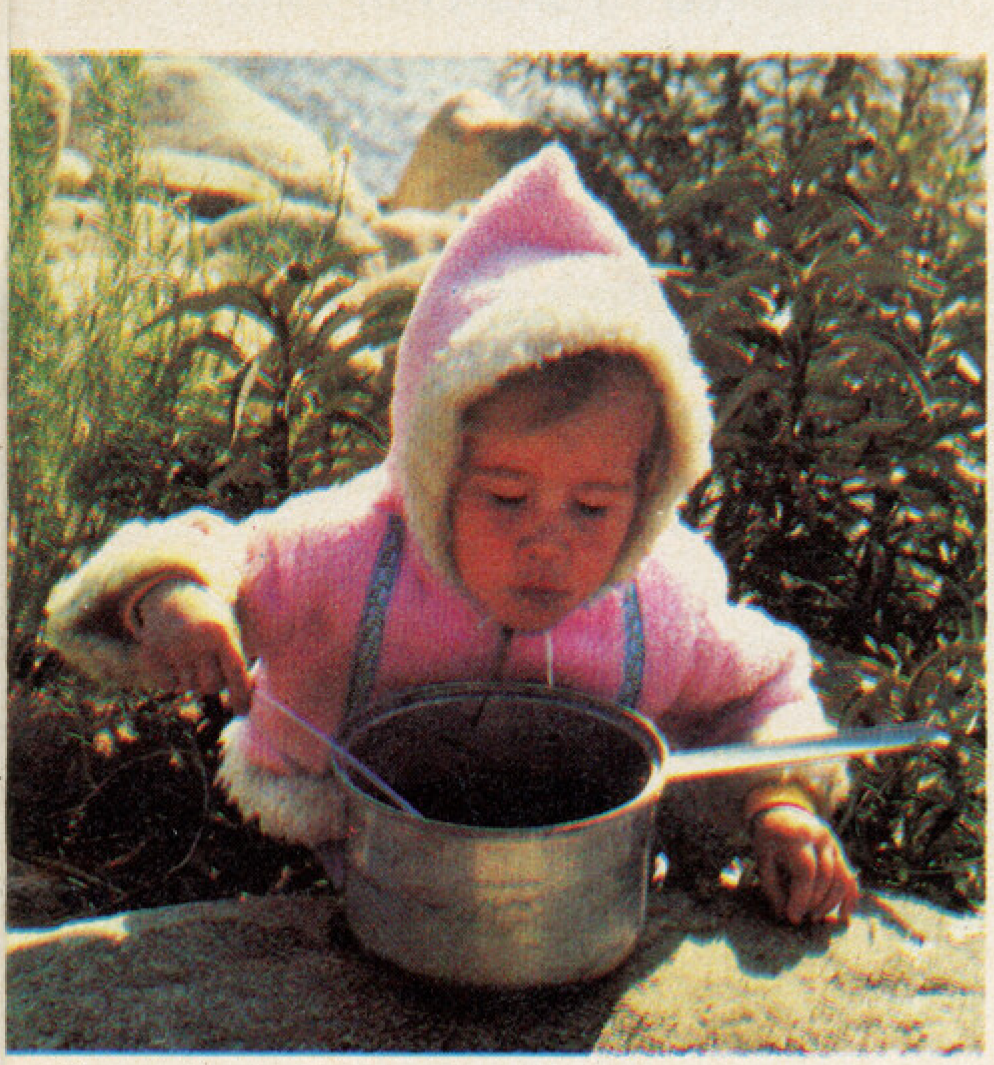
The William Smiths' itinerary took them over the scenic San Gabriel Mountains and Mojave Desert to the Sequoia National Forest

Bill Smith and son Pat tiptoe over precarious rocks of the sparkling Kern River.

A family hike on the Mojave Desert leads to yucca "trees."

Frisky trout in state fish hatchery are one of area's sightseeing delights.





Young Shelly Smith pretends to cook a meal in one of the camping pans.

provide ready meals for the near future, but furnish some cold for other perishables. Some easy-to-freeze-and-reheat goodies along this line include Swiss steak, chili, macaroni and cheese. Carrying some precooked meals also lightens the burden on the camp cook.

In the interests of space saving, the uninitiated often opt for cooking over the campfire. In most cases, this is a big mistake as the cooking utensils get a covering of instant soot. From then on they are more bother than they are worth. A white gas-type stove (two-burner) is usually preferable. It's one of the handiest to carry and takes less space then the same stove powered by bottled gas.

The Smiths, Bill, Carol, Patrick, age 9, and Shelly, 2½, are veteran campers who take every opportunity to get into and enjoy the outdoors. They know the little facts of camping life such as to select a campsite that has a table and fire grill (preferably on the campground perimeter) and, only if absolutely necessary, to take a campsite located along the path to the rest rooms.

They found the available rooftop luggage carrier a must for Chevette camping. It was an ideal spot to carry their tent, tarps, large suitcase, two-burner campstove, and some of the fishing gear.

The Smiths' itinerary took them over southern California's San Gabriel Mountains, then across a portion of the Mojave Desert where they visited El Mirage, one of the world's most fascinating lakes. They went on north over Walker Pass, the southernmost snow-free pass in the great Sierra Nevada Mountains, and on to a campsite on the beautiful Kern River located in the Sequoia National Forest north of Lake Isabella.

California State Highway 39 winds up the mountains through San Gabriel Canyon. Along the mountains' peak ridges, Highway 39 meets State Highway 2, the Angeles Crest Highway which is famous for its views, especially on clear days.

Off the north side of the San Gabriel range, the Smiths headed for El Mirage dry lake. El Mirage deserves a place on anyone's itinerary.

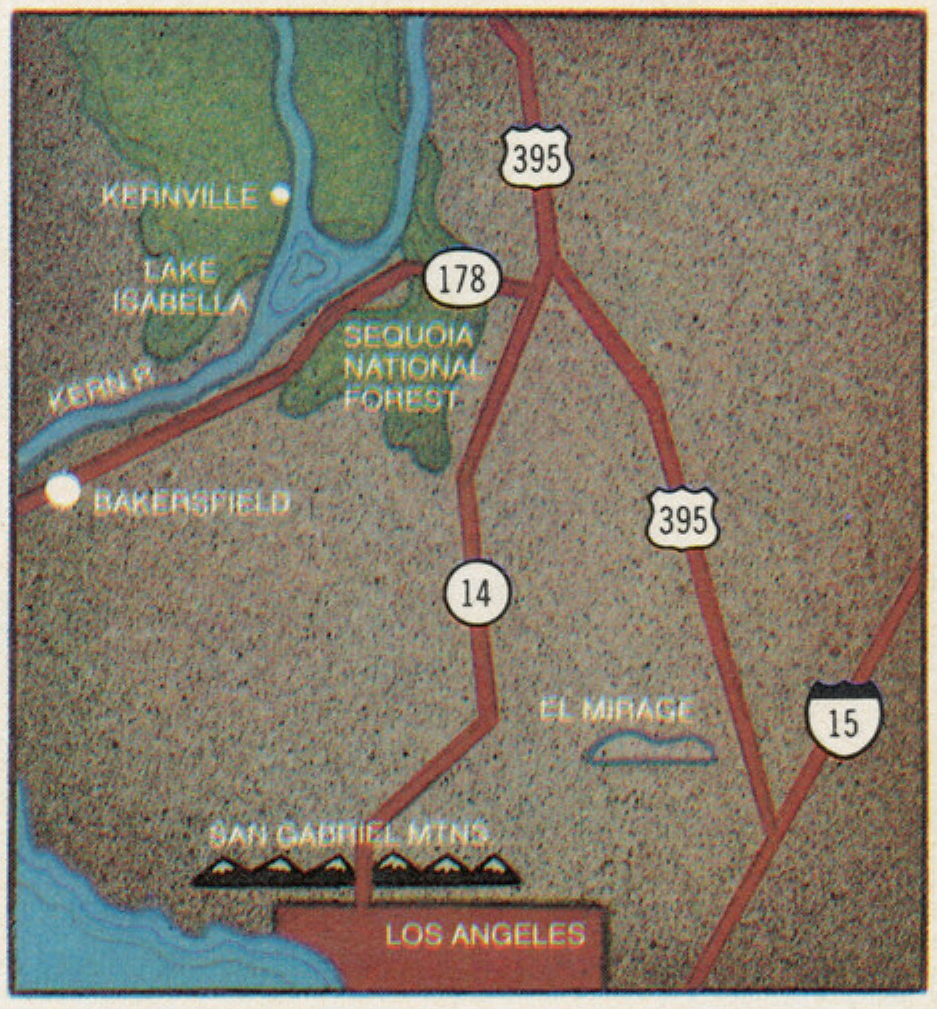
Where else can you find a sailing craft racing a motorcycle on even terms? The sailboat is a sand sailer skimming along on wheels with the speed of the wind. (They get up to 65 to 70 mph.)

This fabulous lake is also the scene of drag racing, motorcycle polo, dune-buggy antics, and sundry exotic adventures involving vehicles of every type. In short, El Mirage is one of the most fascinating spots in the world. It's located a short distance west of U.S. Highway 395 near Adelanto.

During the springtime, this part of the Mojave Desert floor and the surrounding mountains often become the sites of vast carpets of wild flowers. This is also the area of the grotesquely dramatic Joshua trees (Yucca brevifolia) which are neither a tree nor a cactus, but a yucca, and a member of the lily family.

These unusual plants were supposed to have been so-named by the early Mormon settlers who thought that their branches resembled the upraised arms of Joshua as he led the Israelites into the Promised Land. There are magnificent forests of these unusual plants in the Walker Pass area.

The Smiths' route left State Highway 14 at Freeman Junction and proceeded over State Highway 178 toward Walker Pass. Freeman Junction, the hub of several Indian trails, was the spot where Death Valley 49ers diverged west and south after their escape from Death Valley enroute to the California gold fields. Later it became the area where the legendary bandit Tiburcio Vasquez waylaid stages and freighters traveling between the Kern River mines and Los Angeles and also the mines of Bodie and the Panamints.



The Kern River, both north and south of Lake Isabella, has carved out

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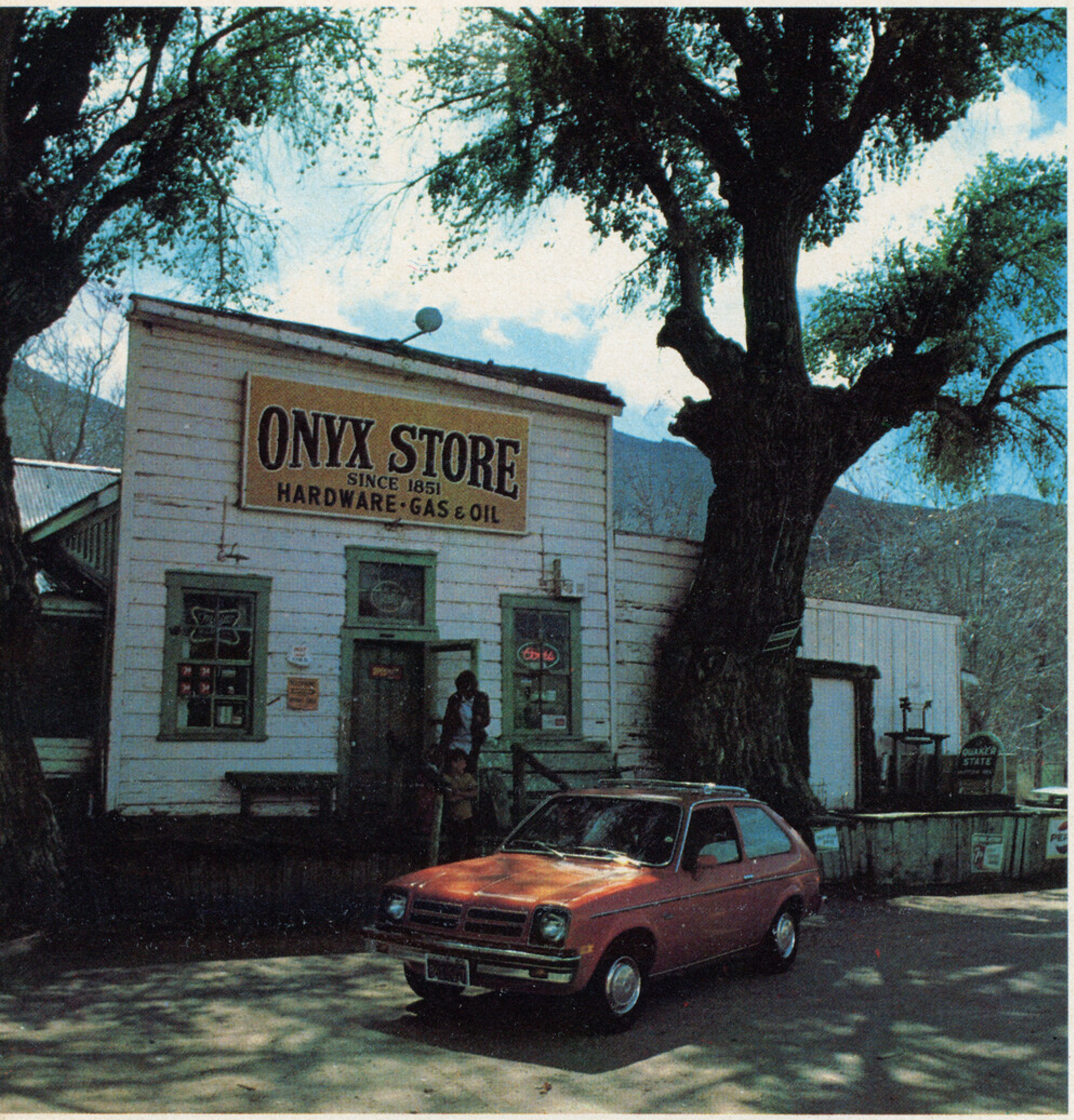
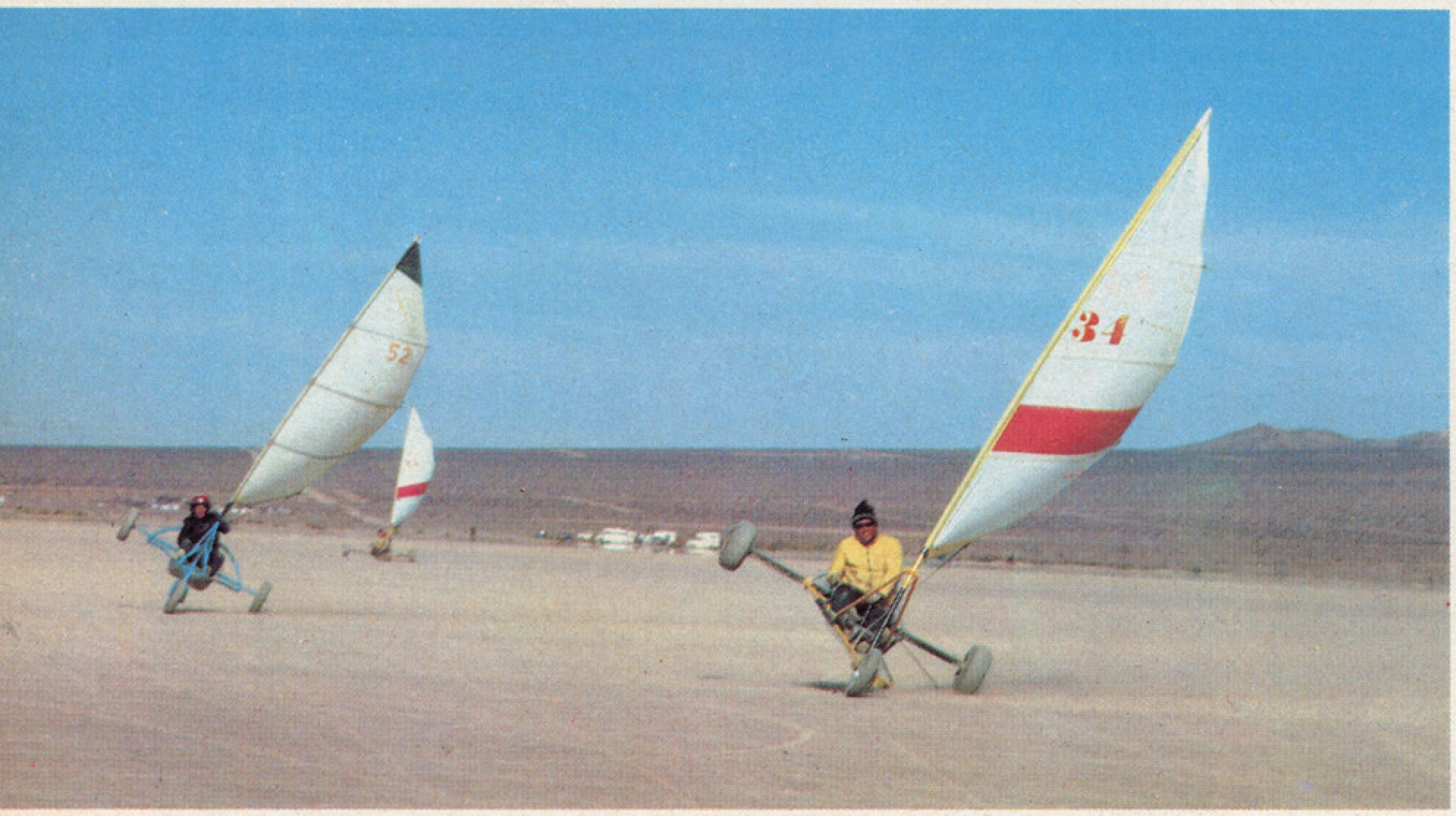
Side trips let the Smith family see an old historic general store, sail racing on sand, and many other tourist attractions



General store at Onyx is a must-see. Its interior is maintained just as it was 127 years ago.



Sand sailers race up to 70 mph on El Mirage dry lake's broad, flat surface in the Mojave Desert.

some of the most impressive country in Southern California. Early Mexican settlers named the Kern "Rio Bravo" or "Fierce River" because of its rapid flow and the treachery of its whirlpools and eddies. It is a river that demands respect and punishes those that do not give it just that.

This entire area was big mining country back in the 1850s. It was here that Richard Keys struck gold in 1853 and the rush was on. In 1860, Lovely Rogers, a Cherokee Indian, discovered the big bonanza while chasing his recalcitrant mule. Rogers picked up a rock to hurl at the beast and discovered his missile was flecked with gold. From this discovery came the Big Blue mine that spewed forth fortune until World War II.

Lake Isabella, a project of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, was completed in 1954 and is one of the more popular lakes in the Southern California area.

The state fish hatchery, located just north of Kernville, produces over a million rainbow trout yearly. It is a popular place to visit. The Smith children, viewing the ponds and holding basins, were thrilled to their toes. The hatchery is open to visitors from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.

There are many U.S. Forest Service campgrounds located along the Kern River north of Lake Isabella. In places, huge boulders strew the riverbed, attesting to the force of the water when it is high. In many areas the river has cut through solid rock and sculpted wildly beautiful formations out of the solid stone.

This same scenic area includes the small logging town of Johnsondale where another winding and narrow road, often blocked by snows in the winter and early spring, leads to the state's southernmost grove of redwoods.

All of this, and much more, made it a successful adventure trip for the Smith family—and the Chevette.

For more detailed information about campgrounds and tourist attractions in this area, contact California's state travel agency: Tourism & Visitor Services, 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. □

The New Chevrolet

Its beauty is in the eyes, the legs, the hands and the heart of the beholder.

The New Chevrolet can make you feel good in many different ways.

Which is probably why so many people have been buying it.

Clean, crisp styling that stands proudly apart.

A bright, spacious interior with more head room and more rear-seat leg room than in the larger full-size 1976 Chevrolet it replaced. (More trunk room, too.)

That nice solid "Chevy feel" when you take the wheel.

A level of interior quiet we urge you to experience for yourself.

And if the rational side of you recoils at all this talk of pleasure, please remember: The New Chevrolet was designed for efficiency. For a car so roomy, it does surprisingly well in the mileage department.

EPA estimates are 24 mpg highway, 17 city with the standard 250 Cu. In. L6 engine and automatic transmission. Estimates lower in California. Actual mileage may vary depending on how and where you drive, your car's condition and available equipment. (The New Chevrolet is equipped with GM-built engines produced by various divisions. See your Chevy dealer for details.)

Like we said, it's a car that can make you feel good in many different ways.

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The Caprice Classic Landau Coupe

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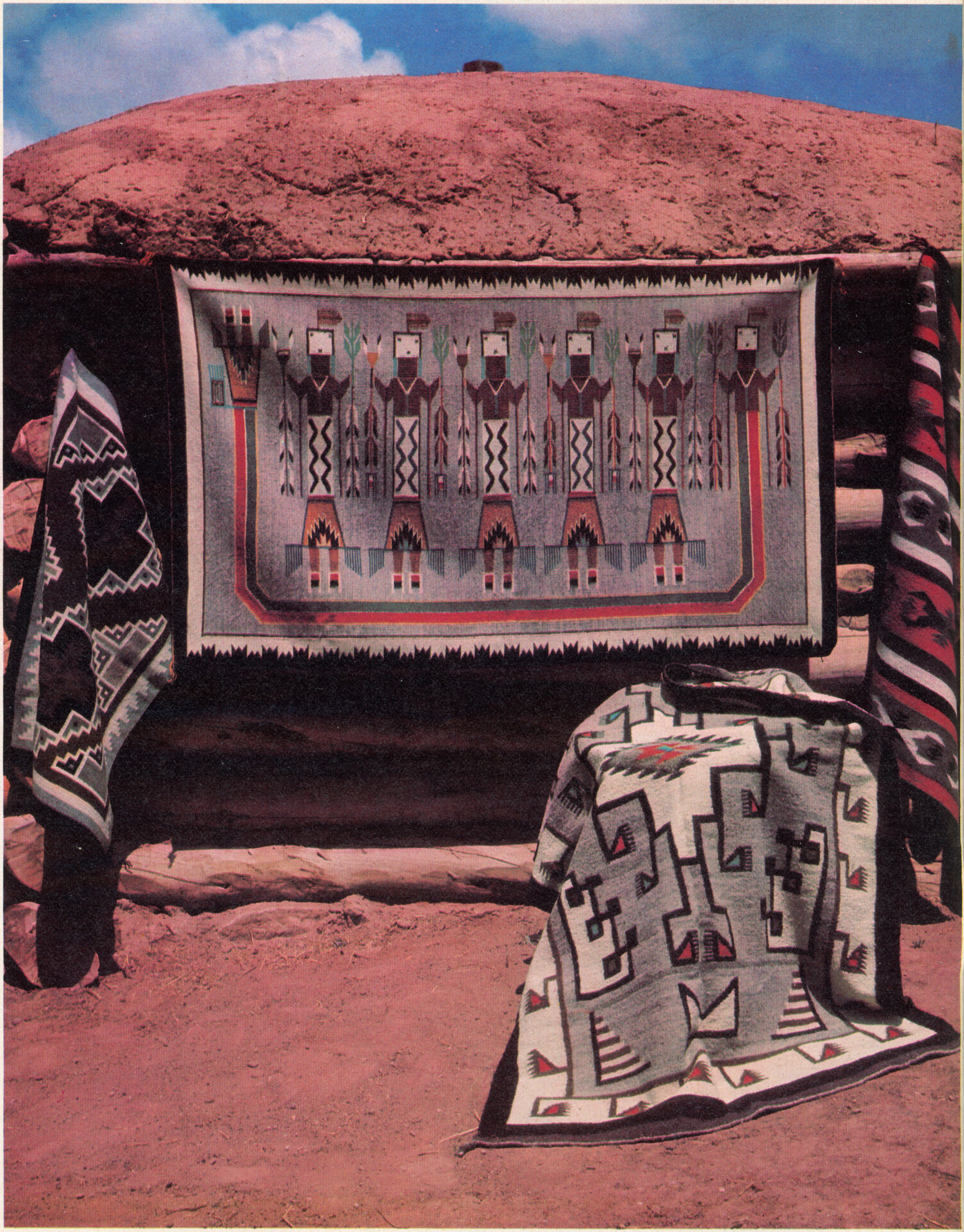


These rugs, outstanding examples of fine Navajo weaving, were purchased by the tribe for the Navajo Tribal Museum, Window Rock, Arizona.

BRING HOME A GENUINE NAVAJO RUG

BUT KNOW SOME FACTS BEFORE YOU BUY

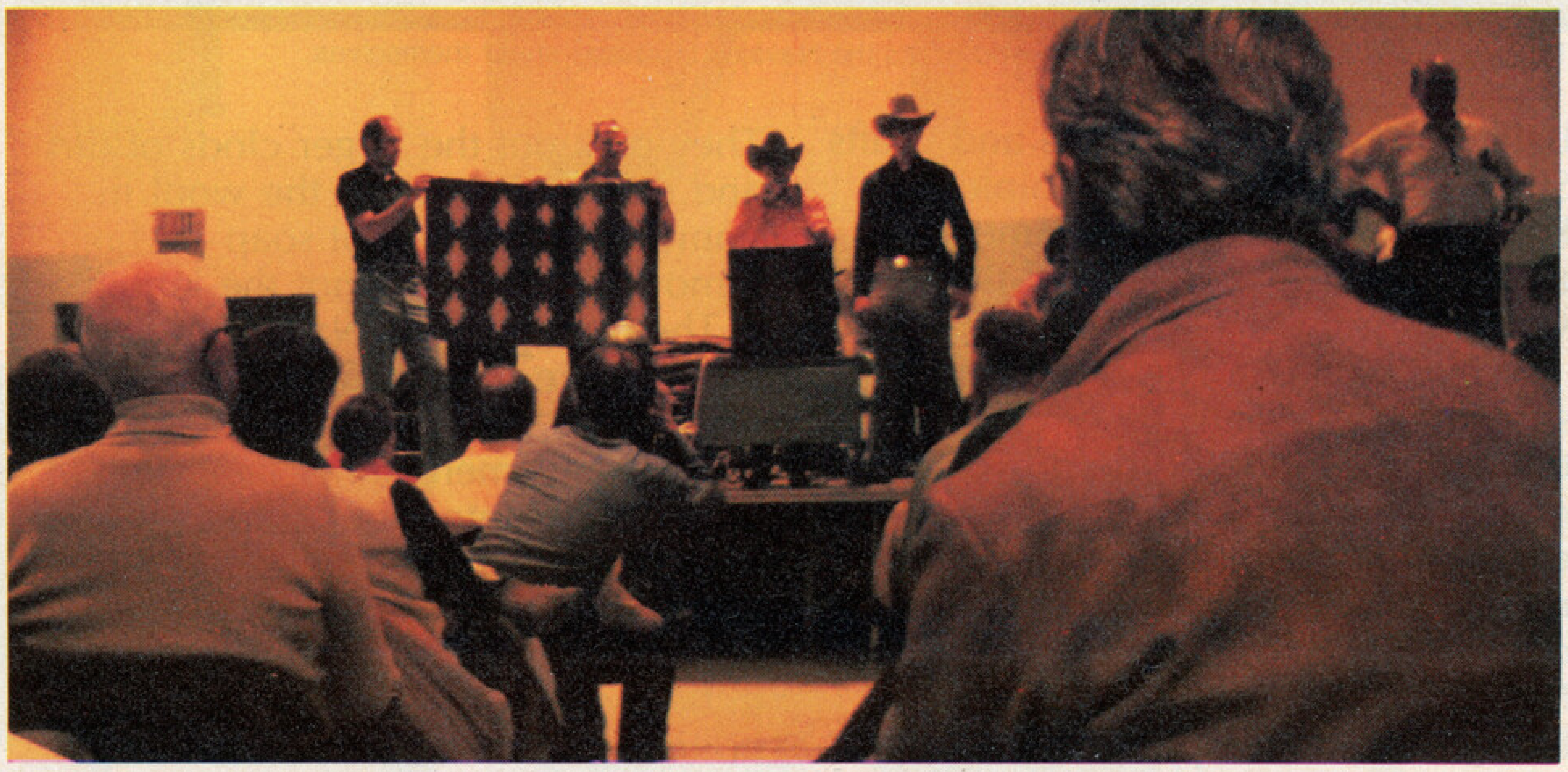
The Navajo Indians are noted for the handsome rugs created by the women of the tribe. Each Navajo rug is an original design—a unique work of art. Few handmade objects surpass the traditional Navajo rug in beauty, quality, and intrinsic value.

The Navajo live on a large reservation which covers parts of Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah. Although there are about 5,000 women who weave rugs in the Navajo nation, the tradition is rapidly disappearing. Young women of the tribe, now offered more opportunities for education and employment, are leaving the reservation. Those remaining are becoming more gainfully employed.

Visitors to the area can still find genuine handmade Navajo rugs available in a spectacular array of designs, but the rugs are growing scarce and more costly. And because of foreign imitation, genuine Navajo rugs are becoming more difficult to spot.

There are certain things to watch for when buying a Navajo rug. You should spread it on the floor to be sure it lies flat with no bulges or wrinkles. The most severe test is to fold it in half, holding two corners together exactly. If the other two corners meet, you have an even rug—one of the characteristics of a perfect job of weaving.

You should also run your hand over the whole rug to test for thin spots or uneven texture and to determine whether the wool has been cleaned properly with no burs or twigs woven in. The wool should feel oily—the more, the better. This natural oiliness is what gives the wool its "life" and long-lasting characteristic. In the best rugs, the warp thread is of wool rather than cotton.


Crownpoint (New Mexico) Rug Weavers Association auctions attract buyers from all over the country. All rugs accepted for auction are genuine handmade Indian products.

If you buy a Navajo rug from a reliable source, you will get quality commensurate with the price. Quality is measured by such things as the tightness and uniformity of the weave, the symmetry of design, and the clear delineation of each color. As buying a Navajo rug is no project for the unaided novice, it is best to deal with a source that can be trusted.

Craft shops that bear the seal of the Indian Arts and Crafts Association are considered to be reliable. The managers can be expected to be knowledgeable about their products, honest in their business practices, and not likely to misrepresent their merchandise. Also reliable are museum shops such as the Heard Museum in Phoenix, Arizona, and the Museum of Northern Arizona in Flagstaff.

On the reservation, there are the trading posts. Some are thoroughly reliable, others will gouge tourists the way they gouge their Indian customers and their weavers. Hubbell Trading Post in Ganado, Arizona (about 30 miles west of Window Rock, the capital of the Navajo nation), is an old established post. Now a National Historic Site, it is under the supervision of the National Park Service (another assurance of honest representation of product).

There are other old established posts in Crystal, New Mexico; Wide Ruins, Arizona; Shiprock, New Mexico; Toadlena, New Mexico; and Chinle, Arizona. There are also tri-

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From shearing to weaving, an authentic Navajo rug is completely handwrought

The wool used for rugs is from sheep and goats the Navajos tend and shear themselves.

bally regulated Navajo Arts and Crafts Shops in Window Rock, Chinle, Kayenta, Tuba City, and Cameron—all in the Arizona portion of the reservation.

While buying a Navajo rug, you should be especially leery of the usual tourist traps in the border towns and on the highways near the Navajo reservation. Many of these establishments do not carry quality merchandise. In fact, some may be selling fake Navajo rugs from Mexico, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Japan. Also, don't be taken in by anyone selling rugs from the back of a pickup truck.

To find out what goes into creating a fine Navajo rug, FRIENDS visited with Martha Benally, president of the Crownpoint Rug Weavers Association, and her sister, Louise, at their home on the Navajo reservation.

Martha, in her 60s, and Louise, in her 70s, live without electricity or running water on a large spread of relatively barren land 15 miles from Crownpoint, New Mexico. They maintain a few horses and cows and a small herd of sheep and goats. Their only source of income is from the rugs the two women weave.

We learned from Martha and Louise that weaving is actually the final step in a long process which begins in the spring when the sheep and goats are shorn to provide the raw wool. The women divide the wool into that which is to be used in its natural color, and that which is to be dyed. They pick out the larger clods of dirt and debris, then wash the wool in homemade yucca-root soap—which removes the dirt but not the lanolin.

The dyes used by Navajo rug weavers are derived from a variety of wild plants, roots, stems, leaves, or fruit. The women gather the dyestuffs, pound them into a pulp with a stone, then place them in a porous bag. The bag is dumped into a large pot of boiling water along with the raw wool to be dyed. The water must be kept boiling for several hours—the length of time depending on the intensity of color desired. The wool is then laid out in the sun to dry.

Next the raw wool is carded. This is a process of working the tangled wool between wooden paddles with rows of metal teeth until all the fibers are softened and untangled. The wool is then spun into two types of yarn. One, destined to be used for the warp or foundation yarn, is spun tightly into a relatively thin thread. The other is spun more loosely.

Once the spinning is done, the weaver is ready to begin the rug. A warp of the desired size is prepared on a primitive wooden frame and carefully edged with yarn. The warp is then placed onto a simple vertical loom, and the actual process of weaving begins. The rug is started from the bottom and woven up.

Noticing that she uses no template or predrawn design, we asked Martha if she has any clear idea in advance as to what the final rug is going to look like. Martha said she decides on which colors to use as she goes along, and that the design develops more or less automatically.

Martha works fast. We watched her fingers pick just the right number of threads of the warp with amazing certainty. Still, it takes her about 200 hours of straight weaving time to finish a small rug. Shearing, washing, carding, and spinning the wool took about another 200 hours. Gathering vegetal dyestuffs, processing them, and dyeing the wool took another 100 hours.

Many weavers take their rugs to the nearest—or most trusted—trading post to sell. Others feel they get better prices in quality craft shops or museum shops outside the reservation. Still others, like Martha and Louise, belong to organizations like the Crownpoint Rug Weavers Association and sell their rugs at auctions.

The advantage of selling at auction is that the weaver gets a full 90 percent of the rug's selling price—a far better deal than she could hope to get from any trading post or shop. At auction, one of Martha's smaller rugs might sell for $300 or $400.

The year-round auctions conducted by the Crownpoint Rug Weavers Association are open to anyone willing to travel to Crownpoint (which is located on the eastern perimeter of the Navajo reservation, about 60 miles northeast of Gallup, New Mexico). There is no formal schedule of the auctions at the present time, but they are advertised in advance.

The Crownpoint Rug Weavers Association auctions attract private parties and dealers from all over the United States. Because every rug is examined by a committee of Indian experts before it is accepted for auction, buyers have the comforting assurance that all the Navajo rugs offered for sale by the association are genuine handmade Indian products.

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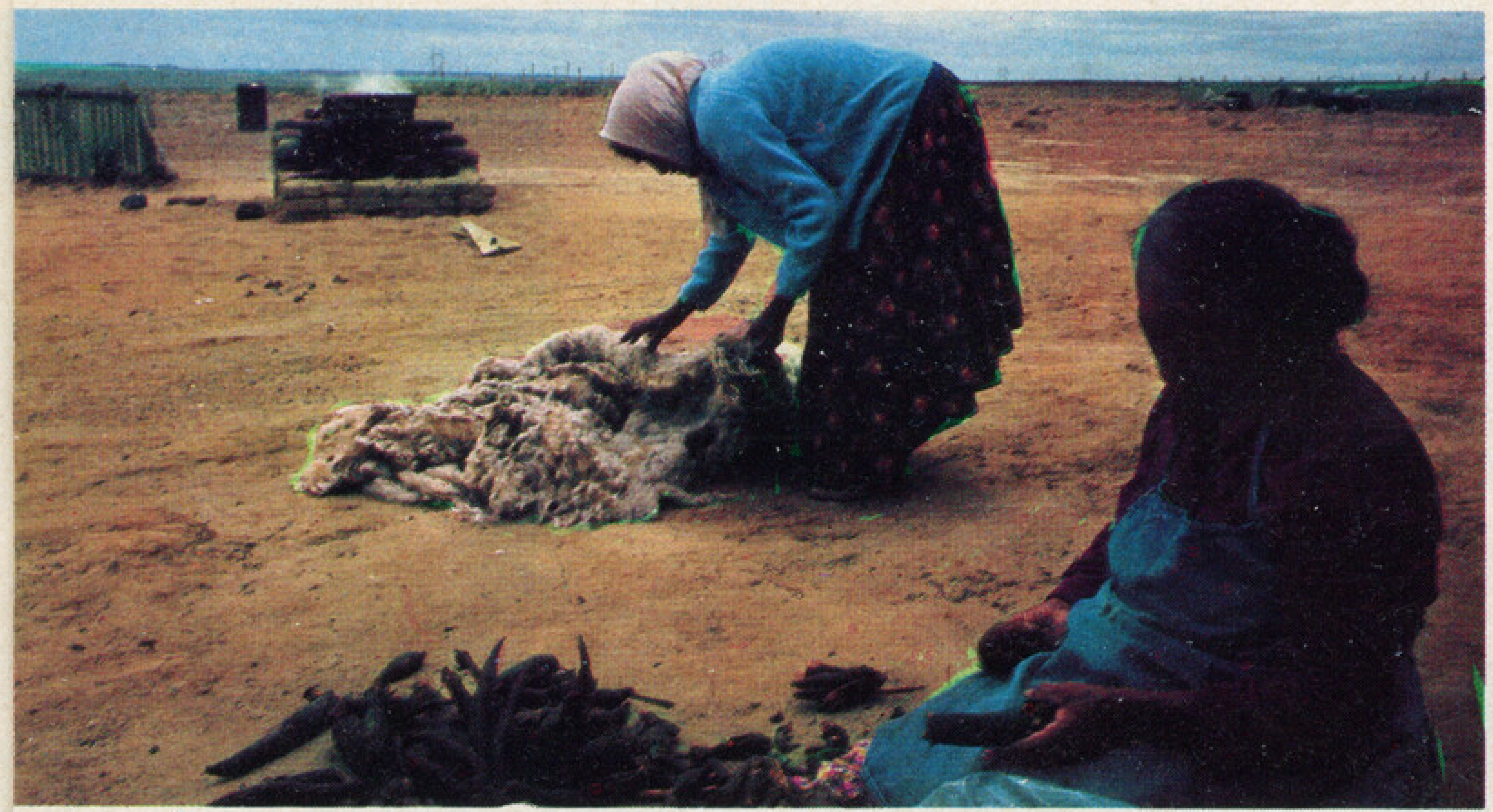

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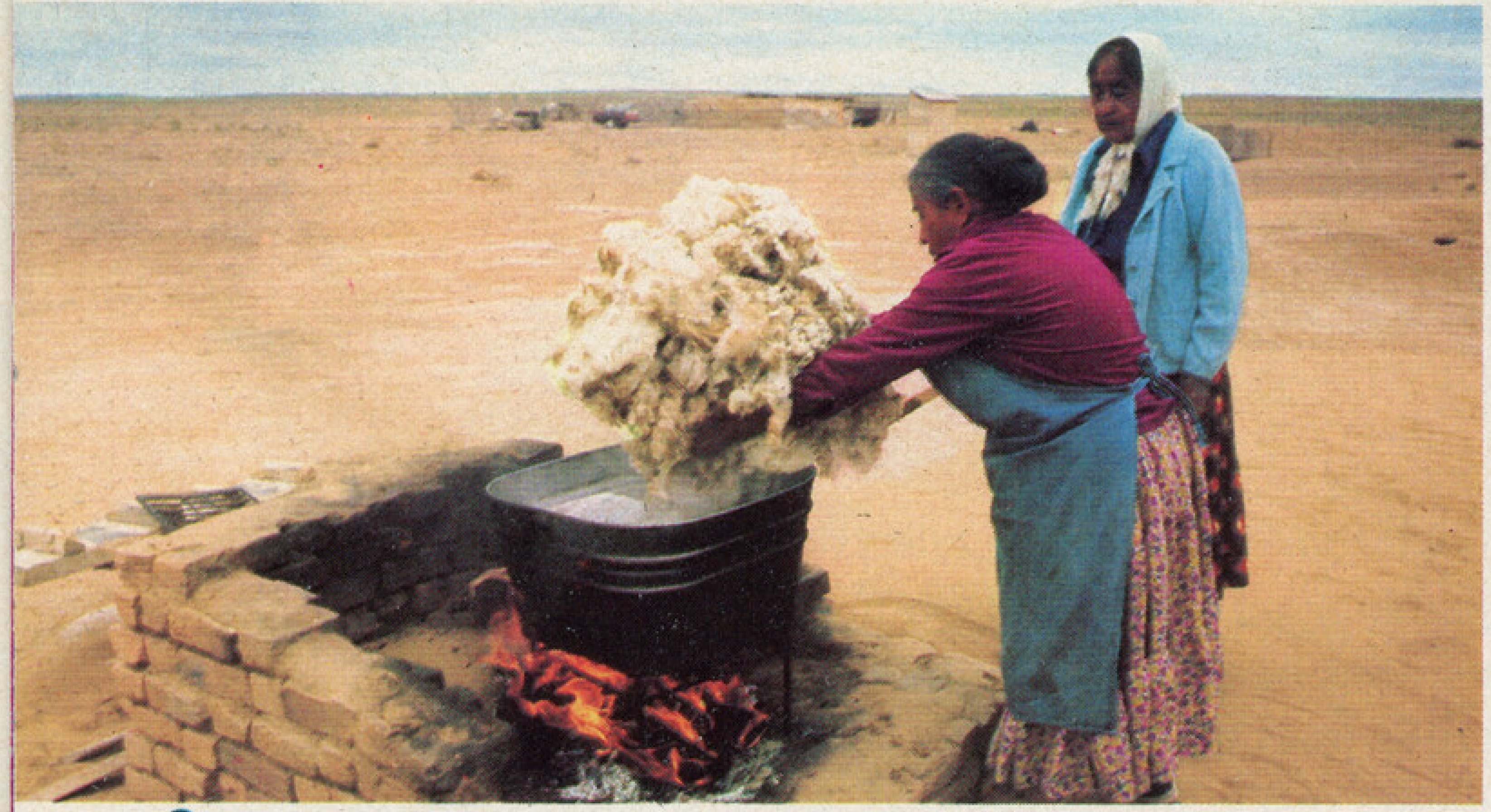

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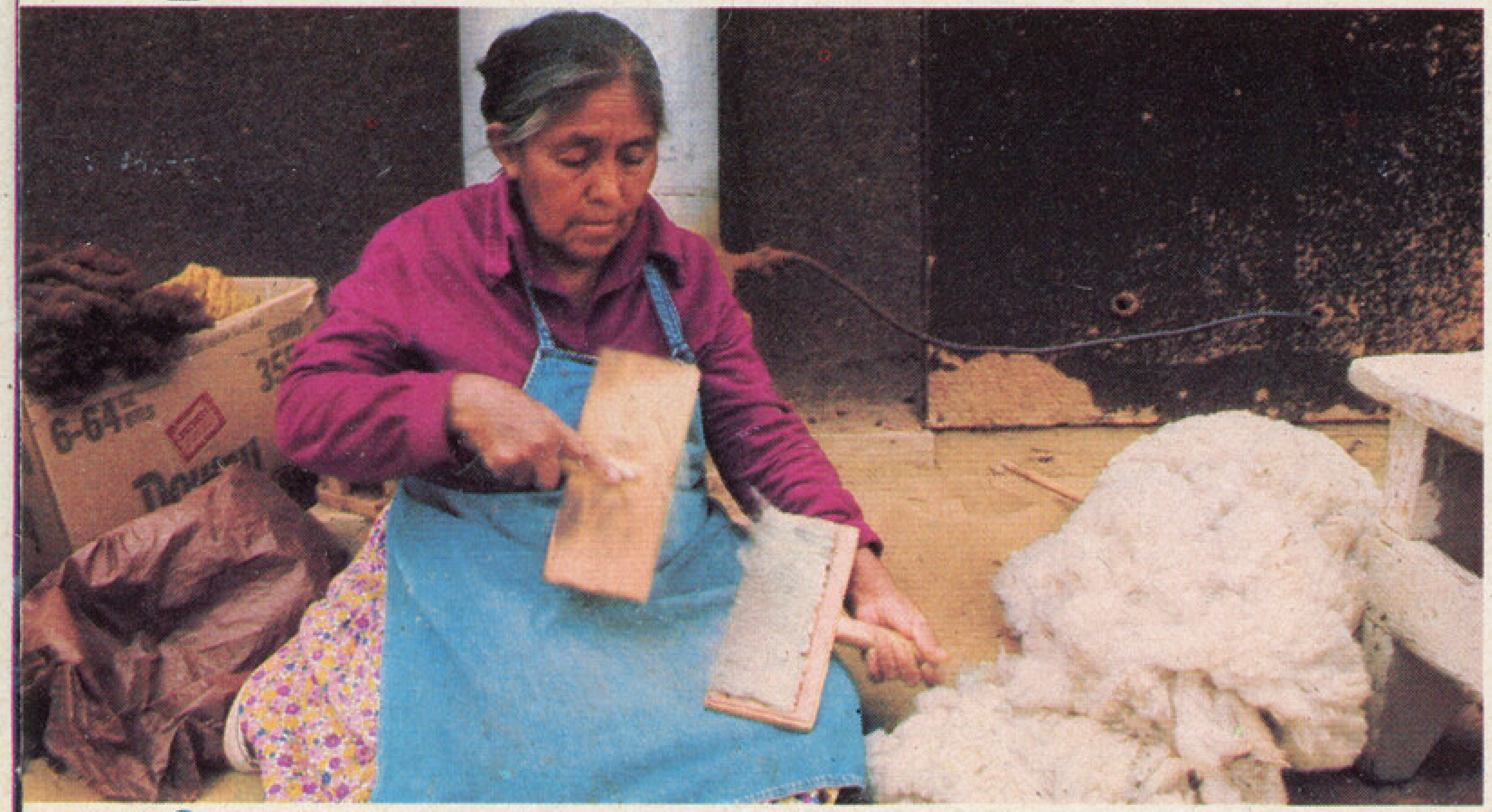

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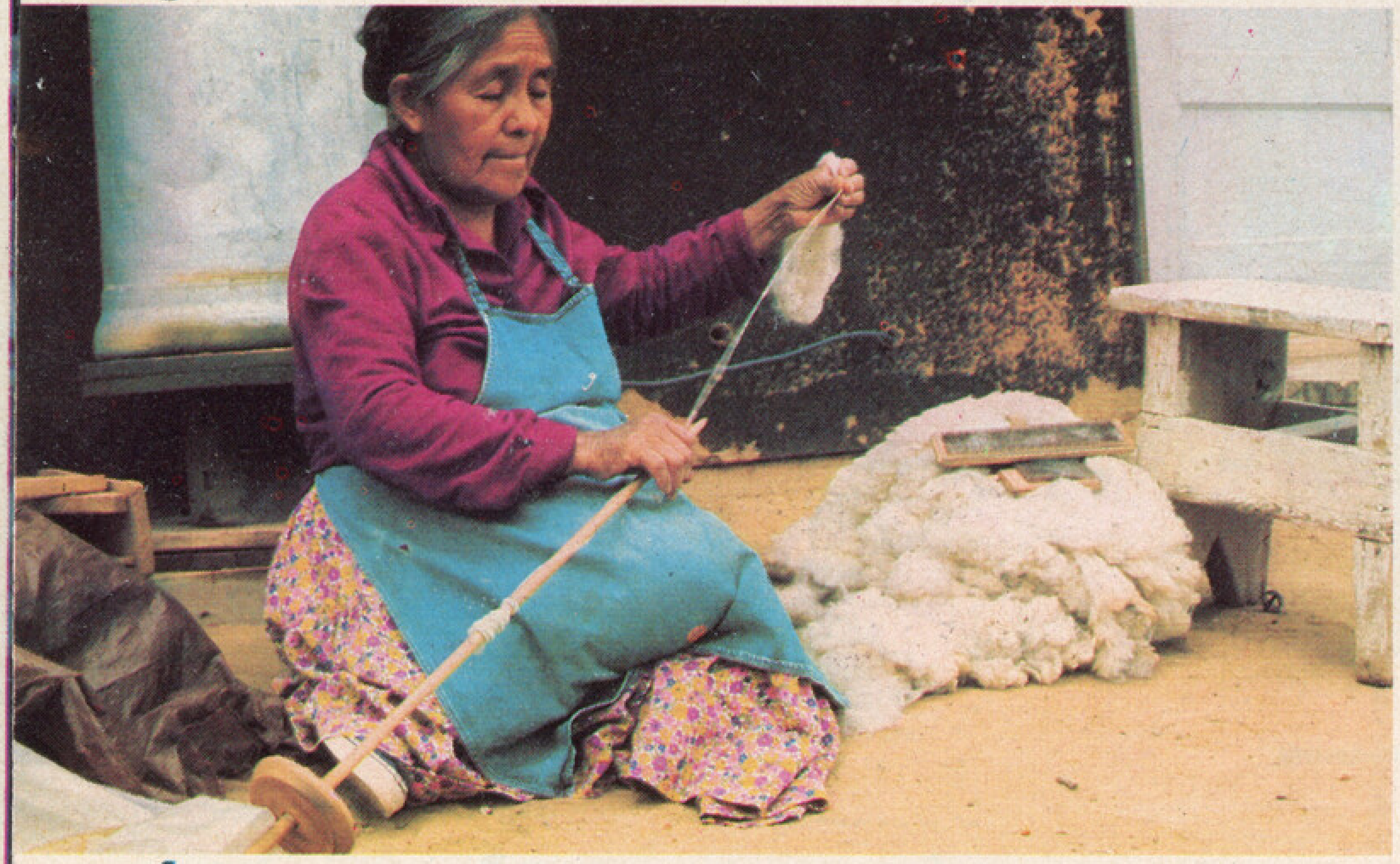

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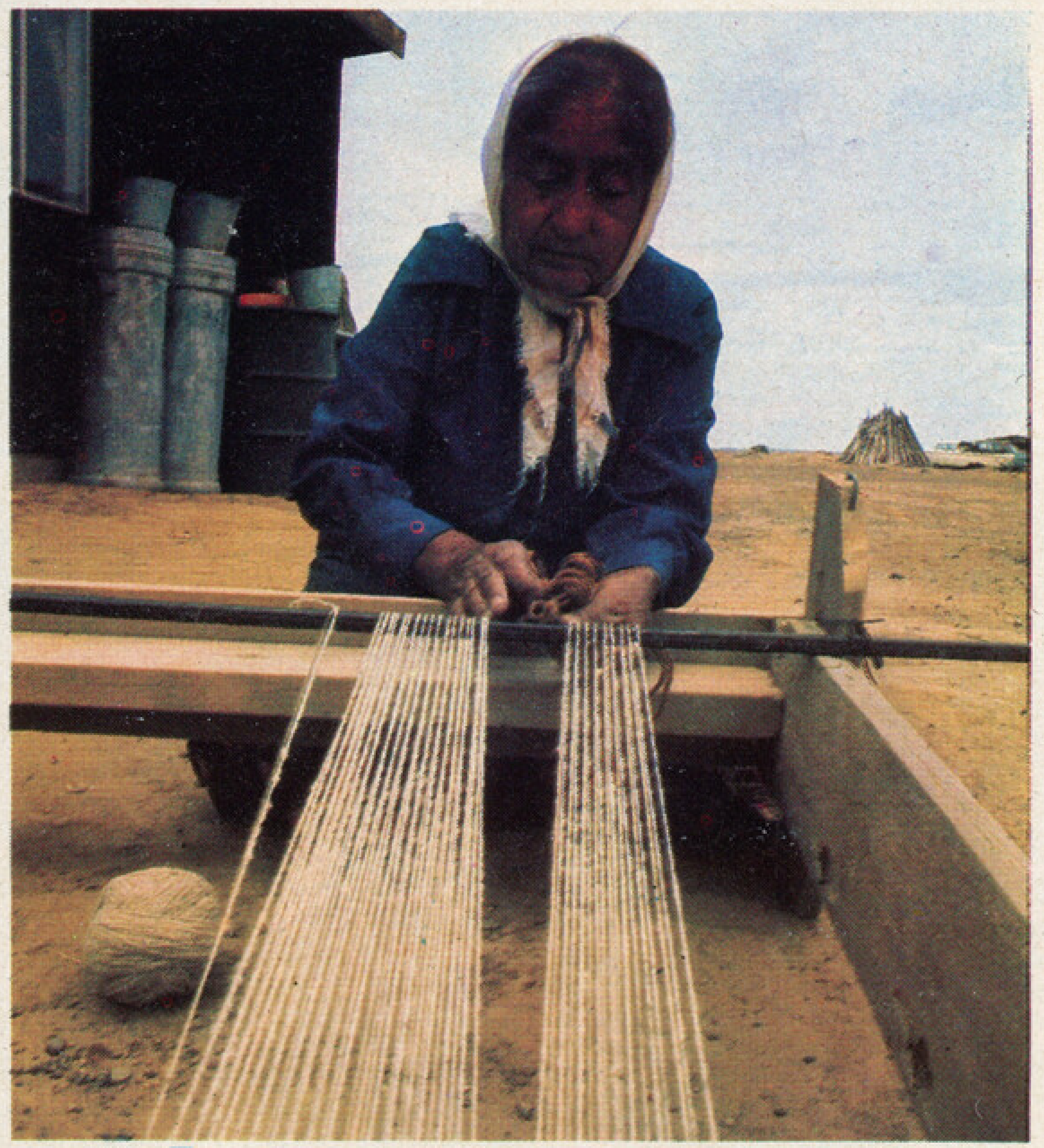
(1) Raw wool is sorted into that to be dyed and that to be used in its natural color; dyestuffs are prepared from roots. (2) Dyestuffs are placed in a porous bag and dropped into a large pot of boiling water along with the wool to be dyed. (3) After fluffing and drying, the wool is carded—a process which can take days of tedious work. (4) Wool is spun into yarn. (5) A warp (rug foundation) of the desired size is prepared on wooden frame. (6) The rug is woven on a vertical loom from the bottom up.



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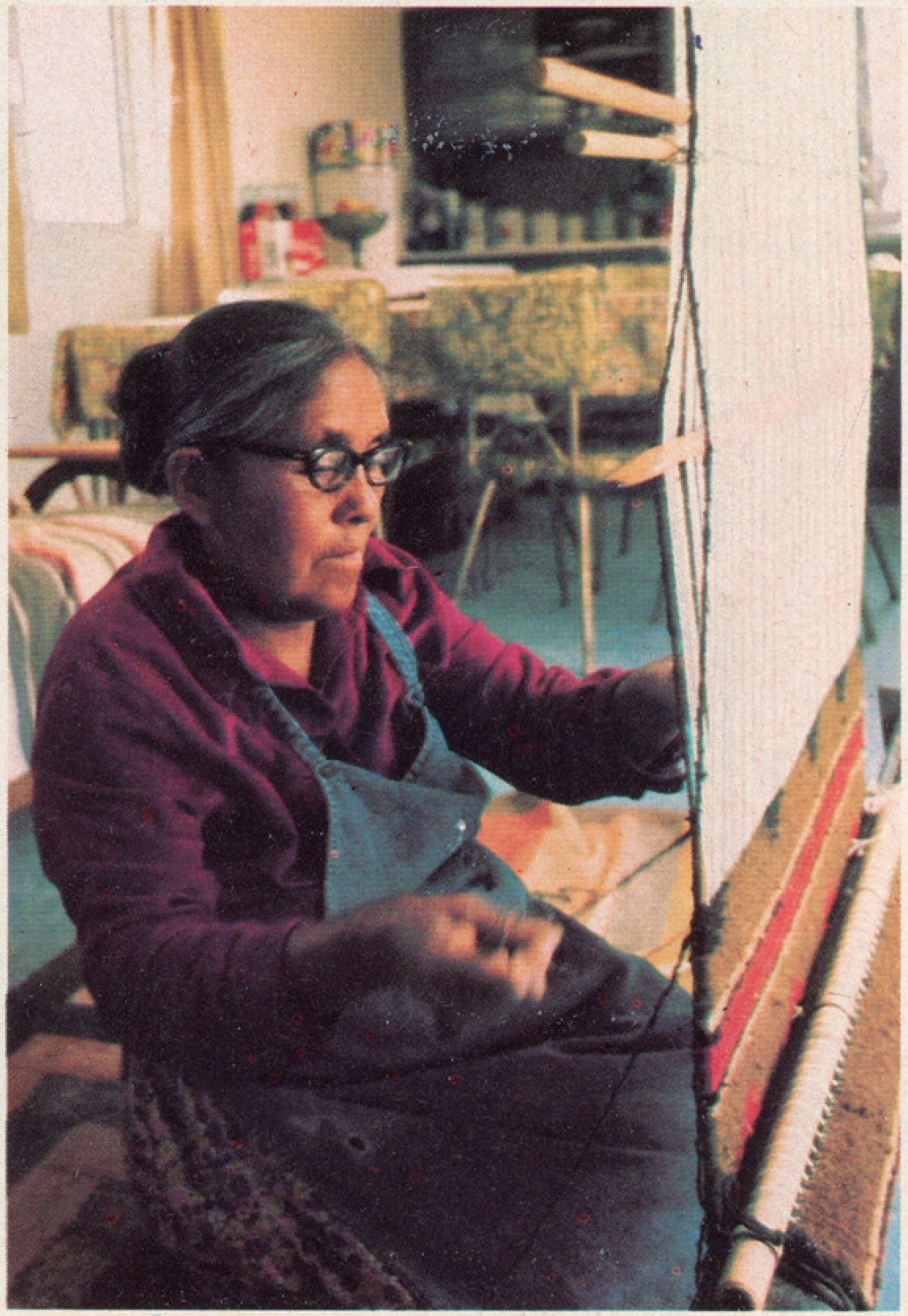

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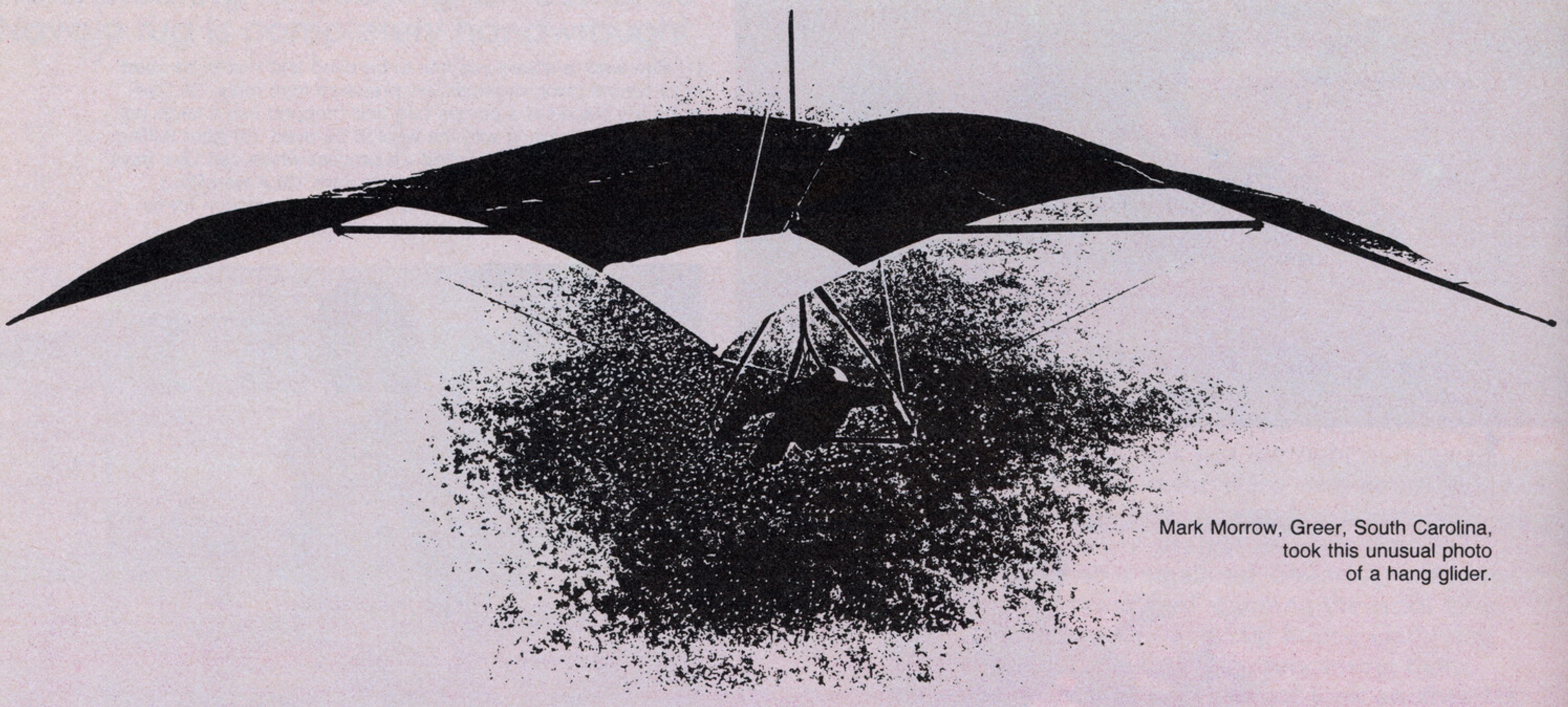
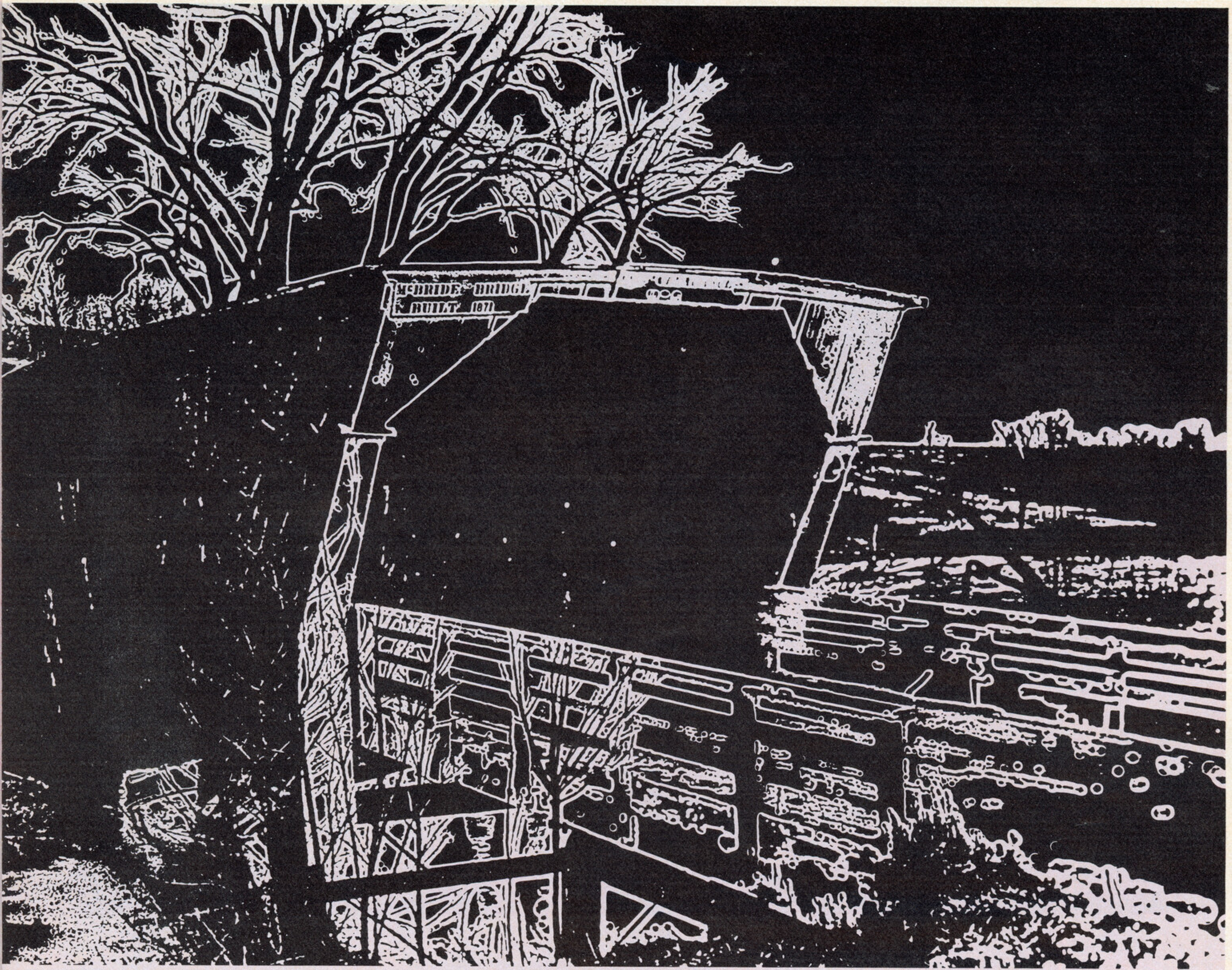


Mark Morrow, Greer, South Carolina, took this unusual photo of a hang glider.

STUDIES IN BLACK

DRAMATIC PHOTO TREATMENTS BY CHEVY OWNERS

First it was the movies, and then it was television that brought us the wonders of color. Entertainment now comes in a variety of sparkling hues, adding new dimensions to what is seen on the wide and small screen. Forgotten, somewhere over that rainbow, was the power and grace of black and white; of what a creative person can do, using sophisticated darkroom techniques, to convey mood and feeling in two values. Chevy owners show their results on these two pages. Remember, submissions to the owners' pages can be color transparencies or black-and-white enlargements. Good technical quality is important. Photos must come from Chevy owners or their families. For more information, see page 3.



Michael L. Couch, W. Des Moines, Iowa, photographed McBride Bridge near Winterset, Iowa.

John M. Moreno, Norwalk, Connecticut, silhouetted boats in a harbor during sunset in Watch Hill, Rhode Island.

Calvin L. Larsen, Port Angeles, Washington, captured on film a Spanish fisherman near Cadiz, Spain.

Marlin fishing hooks novice
and experienced fishermen alike.

Colorful flags indicate marlin
caught, then released.
Killing them serves no purpose.

A WHOPPER OF A VACATION

BY NICK SISLEY

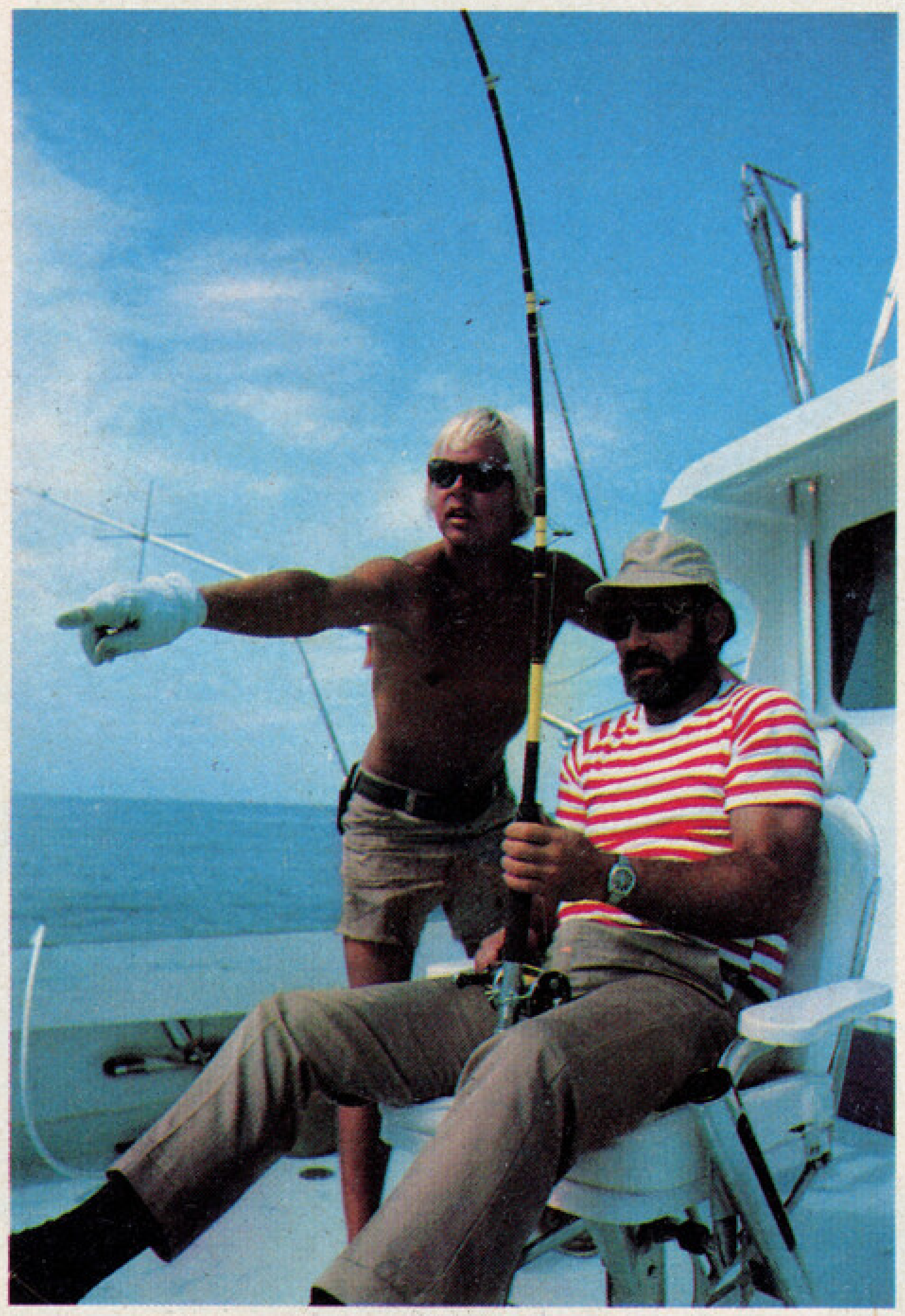
North Carolina's Outer Banks are great to enjoy sun, sea, sand, and unforgettable marlin fishing

There are two types of seashore vacations. The older, more traditional version is typified by Eastern Coast spots like New Jersey's Atlantic City, Ocean City, and Wildwood. Tourist turn-ons are boardwalks, bright lights, amusement rides, gala shows, expensive restaurants, and saltwater taffy.

But a more modern version of a summer seaside escape is gaining in popularity. This version is typified by places like Virginia's Chincoteague, a number of Pacific Coast beaches, and one surfside sleeper that is racing to the popularity forefront—North Carolina's Outer Banks.

Compared to most other seashores in the country, the Outer Banks receive only a smattering of sun-loving summer tourists. For one thing, these sandy-spit outer islands are simply not as accessible as the more traditional seaside vacation Valhallas. But remoteness is exactly what makes the area so appealing to a growing number of American travelers.

A number of times, I've made the drive from Raleigh to the Outer Banks in about five hours. There are no interstates but it is a pleasant drive on two-lane highways. These carry you by scattered farms and dense swamp forests before you cross the bridge at the Alligator River and look north to Albemarle Sound and salt water. Soon you cross Croatan Sound to Manteo Island, then take the bridge across Roanoke Sound to enter the town of Nags Head.



This angler uses the fighting chair to battle a marlin.

In total, the Outer Banks extend from Virginia Beach, Virginia, to Morehead City in North Carolina—400 miles of almost endless white sand. Much of it is National Seashore—Cape Hatteras National Seashore and Cape Lookout National Seashore.

The endless miles of sand are undoubtedly the main appeal to Outer Banks' summer vacationers. Waves are among the highest and longest along the entire Atlantic Coast. Thus, those who love surfing are attracted to the area. And although there are a large number of motels from Hatteras Village northward to Kitty Hawk, many of the sand spits are uninhabited.

It should be emphasized that the Outer Banks are complemented by a number of modern campgrounds with all facilities. There is also a large group of seaside restaurants that specialize in seafood dishes. Their prices are reasonable, and the food they prepare is delicious. Many of the available motels (and some campgrounds) have tennis courts.

Where the Outer Banks really shine is in the fishing. A variety of fishing opportunities is available. For the family, there is casting in the surf for excellent-eating Spanish mackerel and flounder. A complete rod, reel, and tackle outfit can be rented for about $2 to $3 a day, with a good supply of bait for $1, or thereabouts. Also, in the protected waters west of the Outer Banks (like Pamlico and Albemarle Sound), summer family anglers will find good sport from sea trout, flounder, hard-fighting cobia, and other species.

However, the most exciting summer angling attraction of the Outer Banks is a recently discovered bonanza—white and blue marlin. These two species are available throughout the summer season. The whites arrive first, usually by mid-May. This fishing is at its peak in late May and early June, and then again from mid-August through mid-September, but lots are caught right through the height of summer. The blues usually begin ar-

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For the family, there's casting in the surf for mealtime Spanish mackerel and flounder

For roughly $3 a day you can rent rod, reel, tackle, and buy bait for surf fishing.

riving in early June and stay until late August, perfect for most summer vacationers.

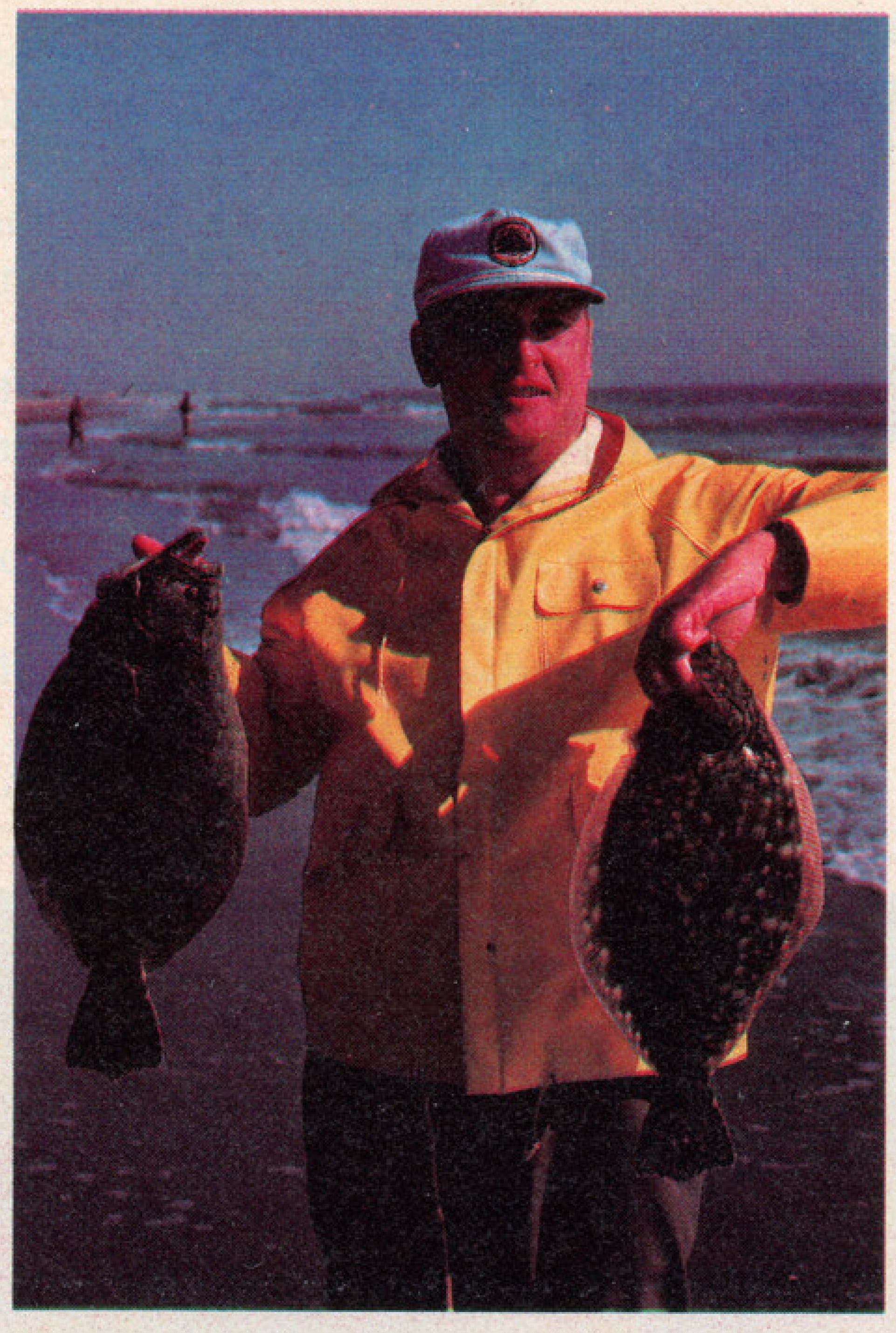
The whites are smaller but much more abundant than the gigantic blues. A blue marlin caught off the Outer Banks in 1974 weighed 1,142 pounds, establishing a new world record at that time. Each summer numerous blues that weigh 500 to 600 pounds are taken on charter boats.

White marlin usually run between 45 and 65 pounds, but it isn't unusual for one charter to jump 10 whites in one day. This species is a terrific leaper, a hard fighter, and considered by experienced anglers to be, pound for pound, the most sporting billfish in the world.

After a few days of soaking up the sun, swimming in the surf, and seeing the sights such as Kitty Hawk where the Wright brothers made the first flight, the outdoor-oriented family might become a little restless—especially youngsters. An afternoon visit to Oregon Inlet or Hatteras Village, ports used by the charter fishing fleets, then becomes a must.

Here you can see graphic evidence of how many fish the fleet has taken that day. All the charter boats fly a flag for each marlin they've taken or released, so it is easy to look out across the dockage, see how many flags are flying, and determine whether or not the fleet has had a good or mediocre day.

A relatively small percentage of Outer Banks' marlin are killed, and that's at the insistence of the boat captains. They want to conserve the resource for the future. Why kill a majestic marlin that you only want to show off at the dock? It's much better to take a couple of pictures on the boat right after the catch, then immediately release the marlin over the side for future catches and continued resource.


This man didn't flounder; he caught two of the delicious fish.

In one recent summer alone, the charter fleet boated almost 1,400 marlin. What a thrill to top off a week's vacation on the Outer Banks with a successful try at offshore fishing for marlin! This is a species that the world's most intense sportsmen travel thousands of miles and spend thousands of dollars to pursue, often for half the chance of success that can be expected at Oregon Inlet or Hatteras Village. Famous writers like Zane Grey and Ernest Hemingway were devout marlin fishermen.

The cost of an offshore charter is around $260 per day. That's fairly steep, but remember, it's for a full boat. Each charter can accommodate up to six, so cost per person is less than $45. The heavy tackle required for marlin fishing is included. An expert mate rigs baits and handles the lines. All the sportsman has to do is sit back and relax, then fight the fish when one takes the bait.

Don't worry that youngsters won't be able to handle marlin. I've been on a charter boat when a 12-year-old landed three in less than two hours. But talk about excitement! These thrilling marlin will turn even a novice fisherman into a screaming, jelly-kneed, shaking addict.

Reservations for an offshore charter can be made on the spot, after you have visited one of the fishing villages and confirmed that the marlin are out there and the boats are enjoying good success. Reservations can also be made beforehand. One source: contact the Oregon Inlet Fishing Center, P.O. Box 533, Manteo, NC 27954. Phone: (919) 441-6301. Or to book a charter out of Hatteras Village, contact Odin's Dock, P.O. Box 278, Hatteras Village, NC 27943.

The fishing fleets depart between 6:00 and 6:30 a.m., and they return about 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. (By the way, that's the time to visit the docks, see all the flags flying, maybe even get a glimpse of a white or a blue marlin up close.)

Marlin aren't the only fish you'll see on an offshore charter trip. There's also a good chance you'll hook up with savage striking dolphin, speedy wahoo, bulldogging amberjack, and never-give-up cobia.

There is no question that for most Outer Banks' summer visitors the sun, the sea, and the sand are the primary attractions. Families love the Banks for those alone. But if your family is outdoor-minded and loves to fish—even though they've never considered marlin fishing—the opportunity to experience the finest white and blue marlin fishing on the entire eastern seaboard awaits you.

For interested campers, listed below are a couple of campgrounds in the Banks. Comprehensive listings can be found in campground and trailer park directories like Rand McNally's, Woodall's, and others.

Oregon Inlet National Park, 8 miles south of Nags Head, mailing address: Manteo, NC 27954.

Salvo National Park, 30 miles south of Nags Head, mailing address: Rodanthe, NC 27968.

For detailed Outer Banks' travel information, contact: Travel Development Section, North Carolina Department of Natural and Economic Resources, P.O. Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611. □

INTERNATIONAL TRAILERING RALLY

4 THOUSAND TRAILERS 12 THOUSAND PEOPLE 1 MILLION DELIGHTS

BY BERVIN JOHNSON

Trailerists are outgoing people. They love to rally together and share good times. And they do just that in rally events sponsored through Winnebago International Travelers Club, Coachmen International Caravan Rally, Holiday Rambler Recreational Vehicle Club, and others.

Granddaddy of all rallies—an Airstream International (specifically, the 20th International at Bozeman, Montana last year)—typifies just how mammoth and lively these trailering rallies can be.

Karen Toms sang and strummed her way to Teen Queen title.

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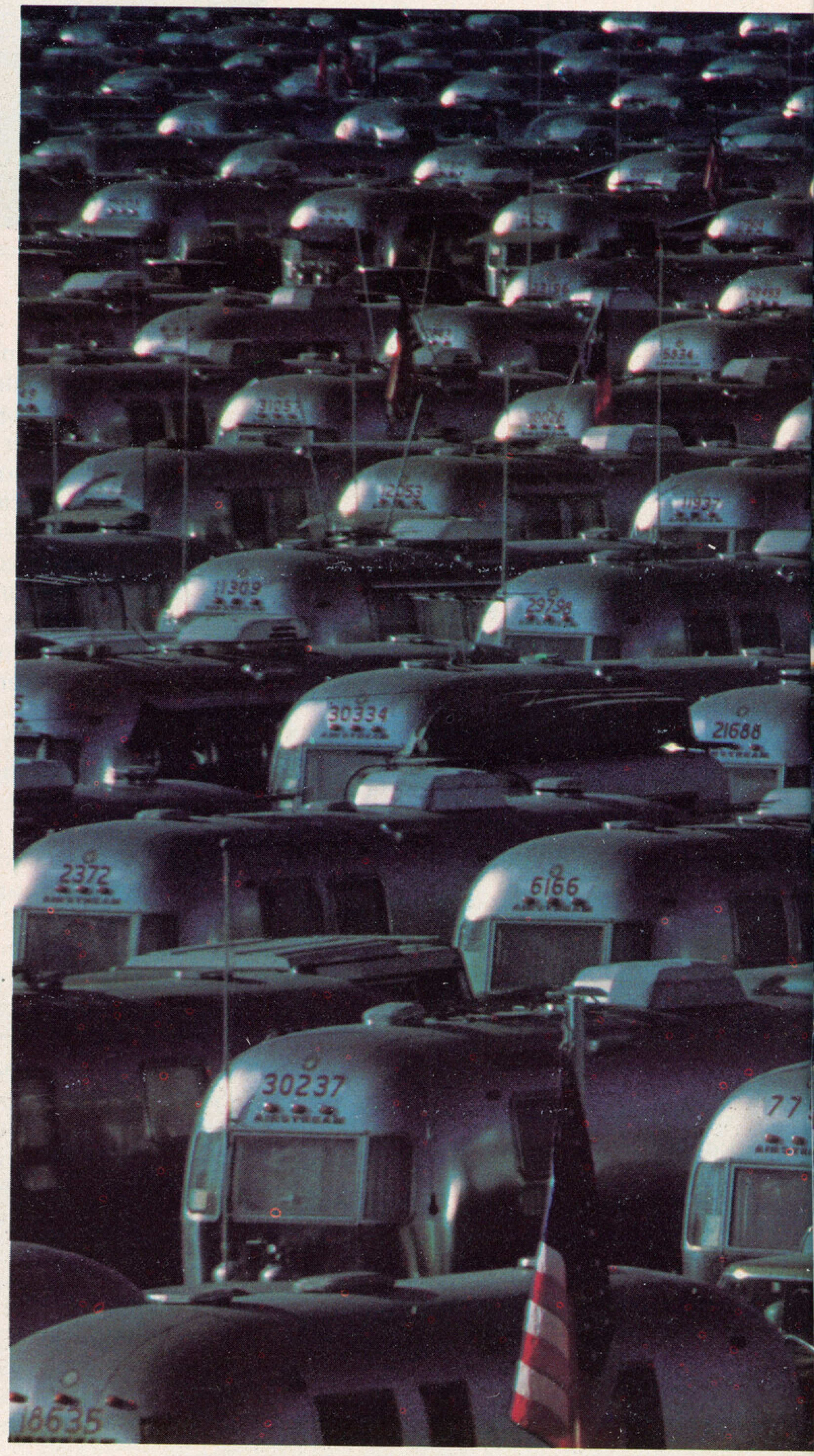
FIGHTING BOBCATS

Parade of Flags ceremony opened Airstream's 20th International Rally.



More than 12,000 people and nearly 4,000 gleaming aluminum-skinned Airstream travel trailers rolled onto the beautiful Montana State University campus in Bozeman. They came from every state (Alaska and Hawaii, too), Mexico, Canada, and Europe to enjoy and contribute to the fun and festivities of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International (WBCCI).

The U.S. Army and even the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus in its heyday couldn't have moved into this quiet Montana community with more military precision than did the silver ribbonlike lines of recreational units.

A key reason was the large number of volunteers making up over 160 rally committees that arrived two to three weeks ahead to prepare. One official commented, "These people work harder for free than they probably ever did for pay in their lives."

When the mass of registrants finally started to arrive, they moved in at the amazing rate of one every 15 seconds. More than 4,500 programs had been printed for them. The same number of rally packages contained everything from area maps to special discount coupons.

A specially established post office handled over 30,000 pieces of mail during the rally. Over five miles of plastic water lines were trucked in for rally needs. For one activity alone, the presidential ball, over 14,000 cookies

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Thousands of shiny silver Airstreams were parked neatly in ribbonlike lines at the massive rally.

Celebrity entertainment, parades, dances, hobby and pet shows, teen queen contest, art exhibits, and fashion show—there's something for everyone when trailerists rally

and 200 gallons of punch were made by rally volunteers.

How did an annual conclave as giant as this all start? Prime mover was the late Wally Byam of Los Angeles, highly respected pioneer in the travel trailer industry and founder of Airstream. Byam is generally credited with having developed the modern idea of group recreational travel by trailer.

Today, the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc., is an independent, self-governing organization based upon ownership of an Airstream. More than 26,000 families are registered members of the club, making it the largest of its kind in the world.

Most WBCCI members are retired or semiretired. Generally they are couples, often traveling with children or grandchildren. Surveys show that members come mainly from executive business positions, the professions, military and government agencies, farming, and the skilled trades.

An increasing number of members live in their trailers four to six months of the year. Hundreds of others enjoy full-time trailering as their way of life.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

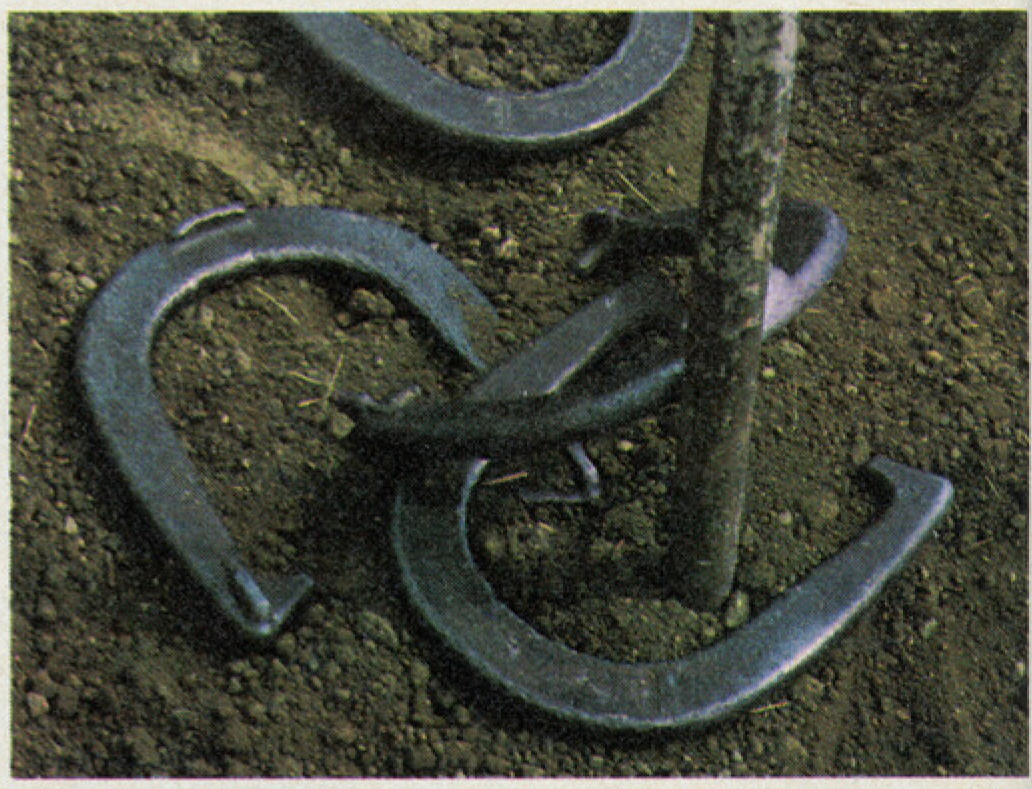
At the 20th International Rally, each day's activities jammed every available space with overlapping programs, contests, exhibits, luncheons, dinners, you name it. In the evenings, audiences filled the Montana State University field house to see and hear professional performances given by

WBCCI
SUNNY

Fourth of July parade drew many bright floats, like this one from San Bernardino unit.

Entertainment abounded for rally visitors, including dancing, fashion show, music, floats, and skits. The clown band from Michigan took second place in skit competition.

Colorfully dressed and exuberant Ukrainian-style dancers from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, entertained during Canada Day celebration.



Lots of relaxing competitions were available, including horseshoes and bridge.

such entertainment favorites as MC Pat Buttram, Freddy Martin and his orchestra, and "Smilin'" Jack Smith.

A spectacular art show attracted more than 600 paintings, drawings, watercolors, acrylics, sculptures, and wood carvings.

A huge hobby show involved 6,000 to 7,000 items, divided into three sections over three days. Collections included guns, china, coins, watches, jewelry, Civil War items, fishing lures and rods, dolls, woodwork, lapidary, metalcraft, and endless others.

There was a large, popular flower arrangement show: fresh flowers, green foliage, artificial, dry materials, and miniatures. Many entries were prepared back in exhibitors' home states and brought to the show in the bathtubs of their trailers.

The International Teen Queen competition attracted talented entries from 21 states. Daughters and granddaughters of Airstream owners competed, just as their parents and grandparents had in years past. In all, there were 295 teens registered at the rally.

Religious services were held in the field house. Collections amounted to $4,626 which were divided between the Bozeman Help Center and the Bozeman Deaconess Hospital.

LOVE MY CHEVY

Chevrolet Suburbans, pickup trucks, and cars dominated the tow vehicles seen at the rally. In fact, Chevrolets are so popular as tow vehicles that the company had an extensive product display at Bozeman. Pieter Vos, Assistant Manager of the Recreational Vehicle Department, hosted the display as well as question-and-answer sessions with trailer owners.

The William Fuhrmanns, Tucson, Arizona, had the shiniest Airstream and brightest Chevrolet there. Their trailer was a 1964 Safari which had no coating on it, just polished metal. Their Chevy was a bright yellow 1962

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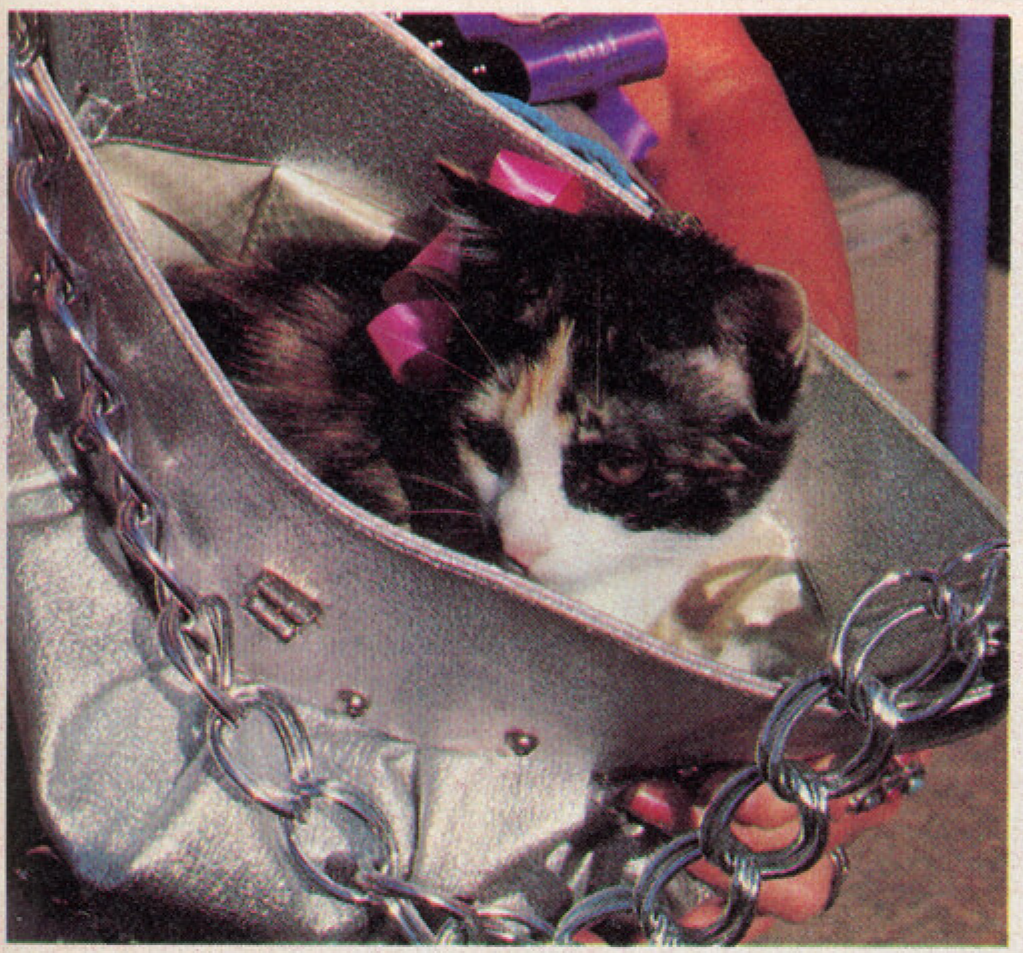
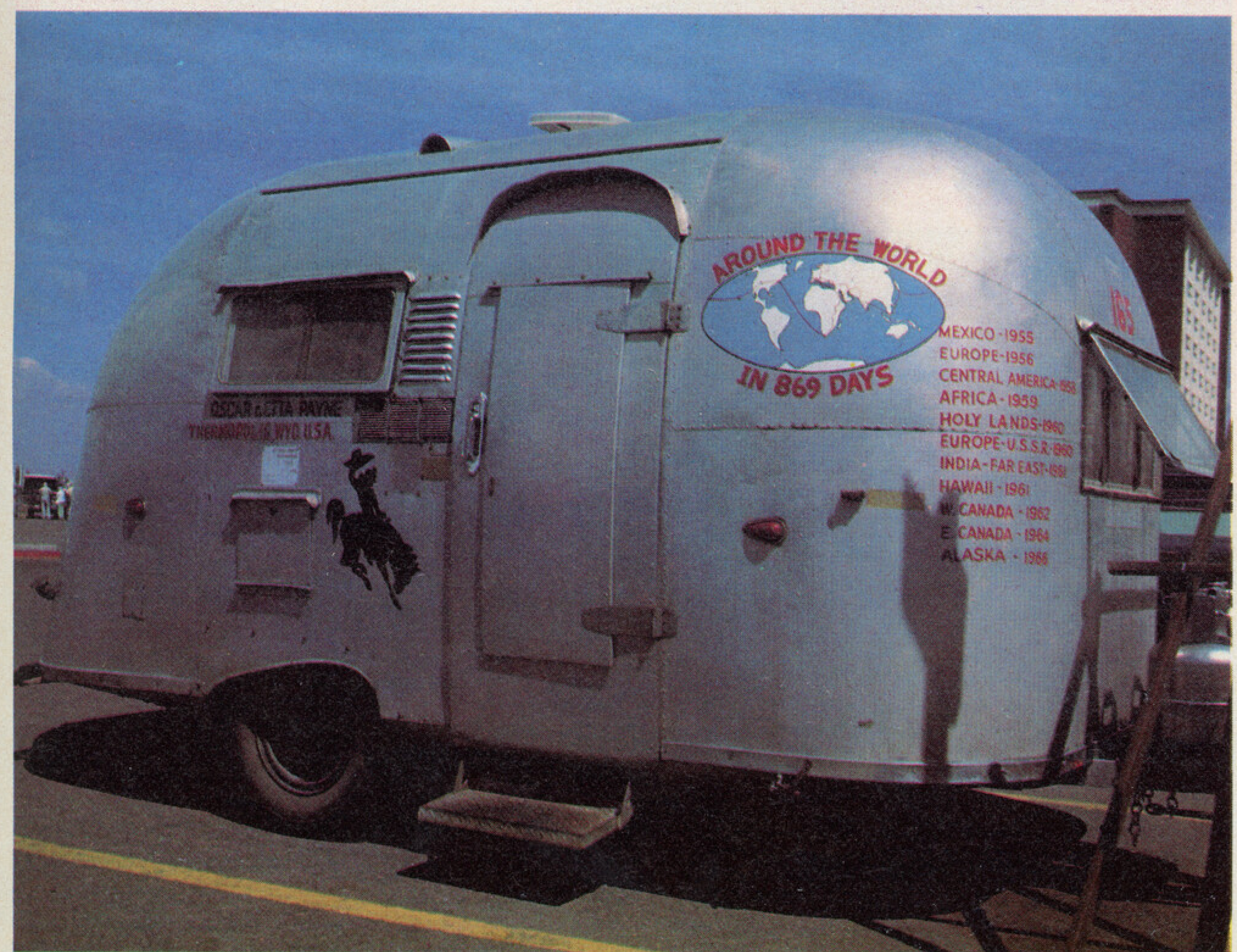


A pet show included this furry friend.

Square dancing was held daily and nightly for interested rallyists.



This "Bubble," owned by Oscar and Etta Payne, has floated nearly 200,000 miles all over the world on only two sets of tires. The Thermopolis, Wyoming, couple purchased it in 1957.

Esther Garrison scans some of the 14,000 cookies baked for the President's Ball.

Chevrolet Suburbans, vans, pickup trucks, and passenger cars were big as tow vehicles at the rally

pickup with 132,000 miles on it. "And I look forward to thousands more miles of good service from 'Ole Yellow,'" he said.

Fuhrmann has a special attachment for his trailer to hang a red kerosene lantern beside the door. "It's to light the way for our friends," he said with a smile.

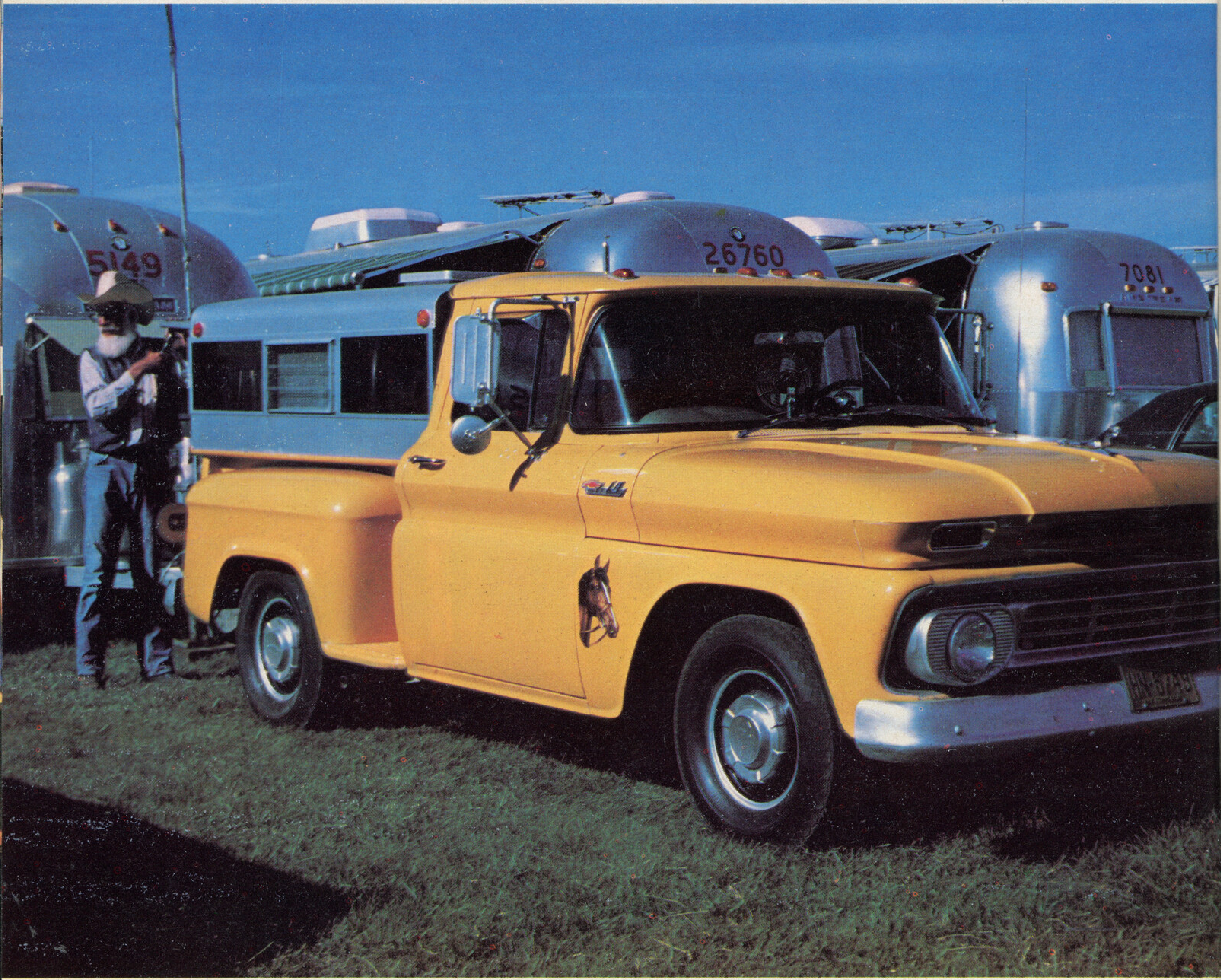
"I came to the rally at Bozeman because I like the mountain country of Montana, and I like fishing and hunting which are good here," Bill Lewis, Harlingen, Texas, commented after he arrived in the "generator section," where everyone with portable or built-in generators is assigned to park during the rally.

His ¾-ton Chevy Cheyenne truck has a specially built top with five compartments on each side for fishing rods, tools, a 2,750-watt Onan generator, and a 12-foot rubber raft.

Attracting as much attention as anyone at the rally were the Oscar Paynes, Thermopolis, Wyoming, who arrived and parked in the central parking lot with their Airstream, Serial #435, "Bubble," purchased from Wally Byam back in 1957.

On one side of their little 16-footer (hitch and all) was a map showing the route they traveled around the world and completed in 869 days. Now in their 80s, the Paynes were attending their 18th International rally.

"We missed only two because we were traveling abroad when they were held," Payne said. "And we're still using the same trailer which Wally said would last us a lifetime. He



The William Fuhrmanns of Tucson had the shiniest and brightest Chevrolet at the rally, a yellow 1962 pickup with 132,000 miles on it, dubbed "Ole Yellow."

didn't stop to think how long I might live. I'm 82 now and still living pretty good."

The Paynes paid Byam $1,700 for their Bubble. After more than 200,000 miles and only two sets of tires, they predicted it would last them the rest of their lives.

While sitting in the Bubble talking with the Paynes, a knock on their door was acknowledged. It was a Montana State University student who stuck his head in and said, "I want you to know I think you have the classiest of all the trailers parked here." The Paynes proudly smiled, nodded agreement, and thanked the student for the compliment.

The economic impact of a rally this size is immense. In a consensus check with media, city, and Chamber of Commerce officials, it was estimated that $4,500,000 in additional business was brought to the area. Local automobile dealers sold 24 new cars to Airstream owners. Don Norem Chevrolet reported sales of 13 Suburbans.

One couldn't help but wonder what Wally Byam might have said had he been living and in attendance. He likely would have quoted from his creed:

"To strive endlessly to stir the venturesome spirit that moves you to follow a rainbow to its end . . . and thus make travel dreams come true."

The 21st Airstream International will be held this June 28 through July 4 at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. For more information about it or the WBCCI, contact: Keith Tyler, President, Wally Byam Caravan Club International, RR 1, Box A90, Rochester, Indiana 46975.

For Coachmen, Holiday Rambler, and other trailer makes, contact the manufacturers. There's a good chance they can tell you about rallies involving their trailers. □

Many handicapped people attend and enjoy rallies. The Joseph McIntees of Towner, North Dakota, have ample space in their 1977 Chevrolet Suburban for Mrs. McIntee's wheelchair.

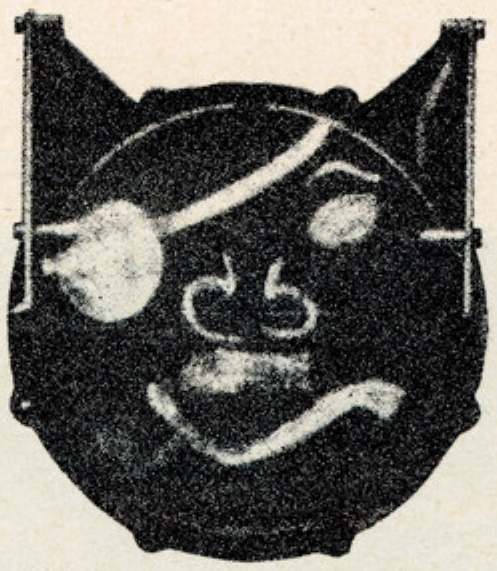
Bill Lewis' 1977 3/4-ton Chevrolet Cheyenne has compartments for such paraphernalia as fishing equipment, 12-foot rubber raft, even a camping generator.

More than five miles of plastic water line were disassembled when the rally ended.

A FRIENDS UPDATE

THE GREAT DRAIN COVER-UP

16 years ago, FRIENDS showed imaginative cat faces drawn on drab freeway drain covers. Today the cat family has multiplied and is more colorful than ever



This cat, with the pirate's patch, has survived nearly 17 years.

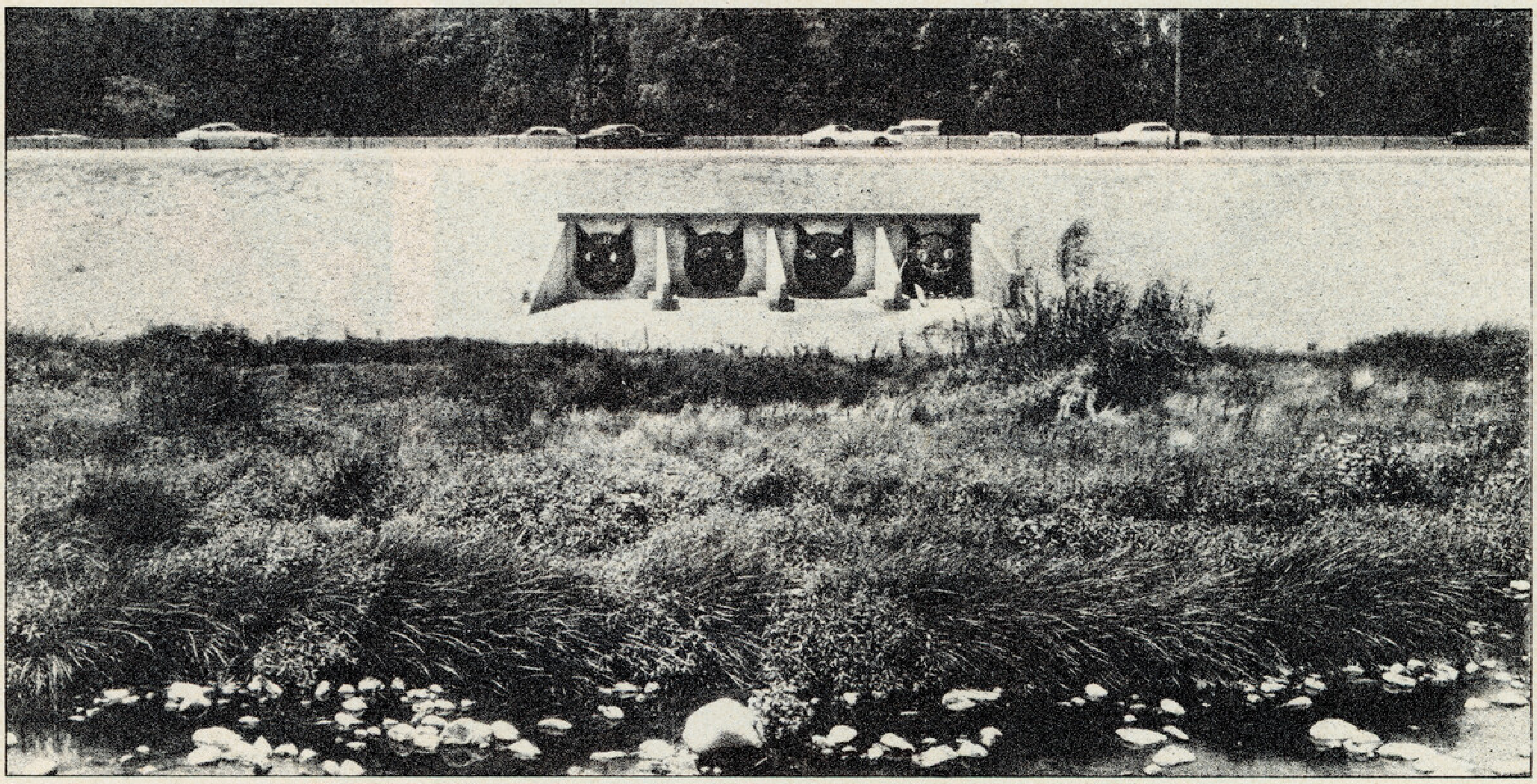
What could be more appropriate for a neighborhood called Los Felix than to paint colorful cat faces on nearby drab-looking drain covers?

That's what was done by project artist Rick Jenkins and his assistants last summer, 16 years after the L.A. neighborhood of Los Felix had initially undertaken the spruce-up campaign.

Then children living near the neighborhood used white paint to create zany cat faces. FRIENDS Magazine ran the story in September 1961 and, like the best of cats, was curious to see if the faces survived.

They did. Not only do cats have nine lives, but long ones as well. The paint has chipped and dulled, but the faces, as the one on this page reveals, have maintained their personality.

But the L.A. Department of Parks and Recreation decided it was time for a more colorful treatment of the drains. Thus began the second drain cover-up, with bright new cat faces, as the pictures on the right attest.



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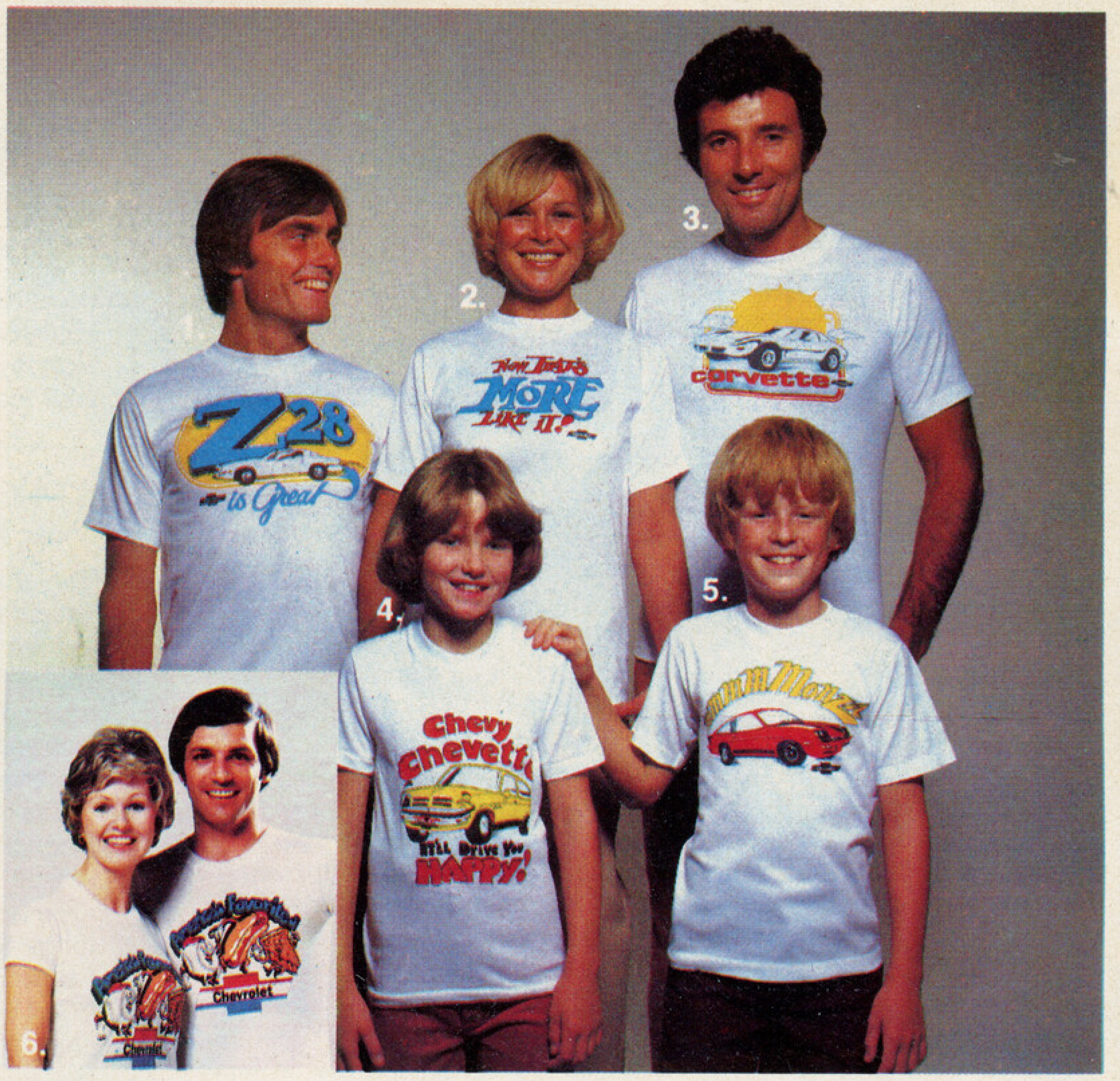

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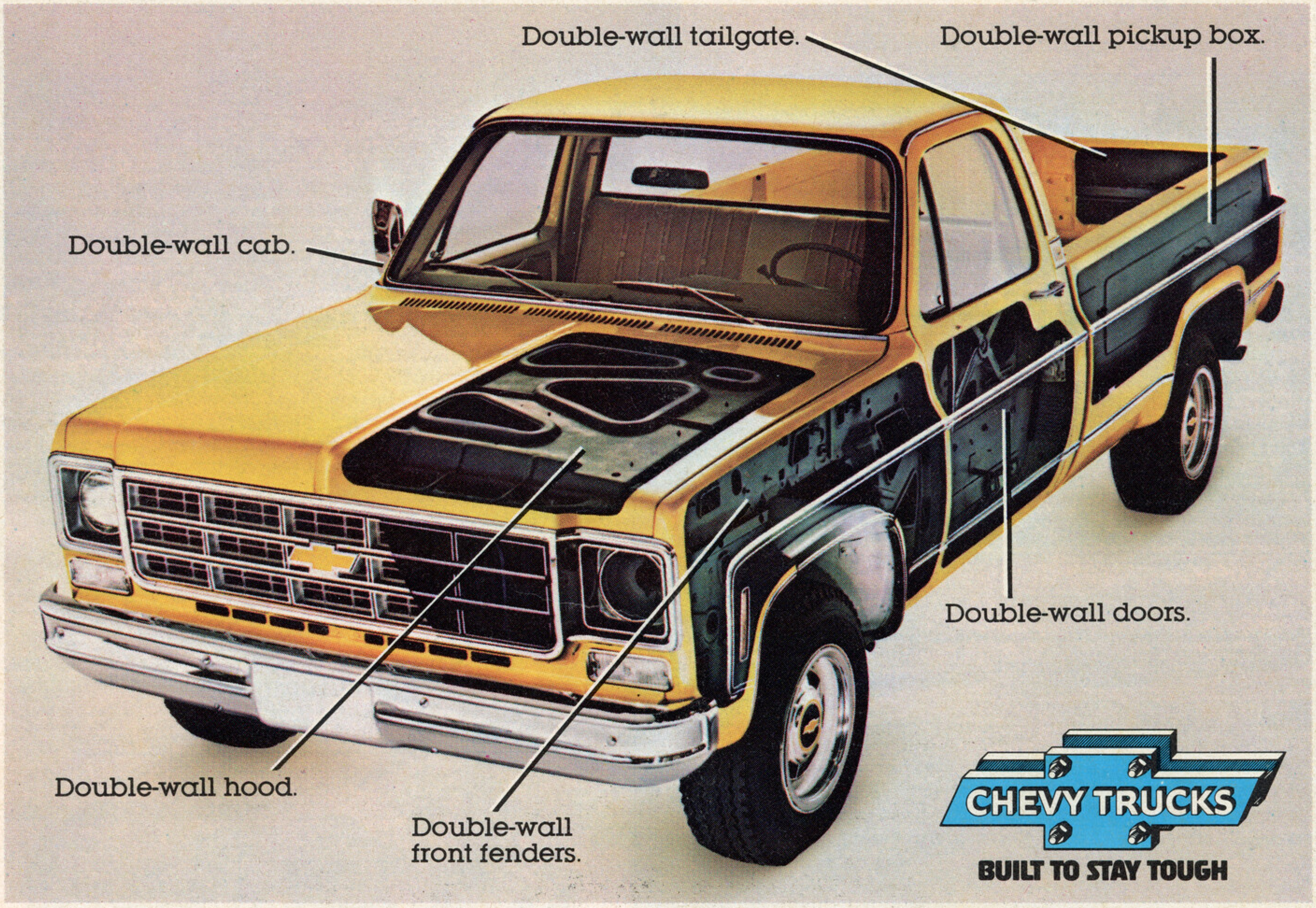

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